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INSPIRED BY THE EMMY® AWARD-WINNING TV SHOW

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The two-time Emmy® Award-winning Saturday morning show comes to life in a brand new production. Like the award-winning television show, **The Henry Ford's INNOVATION NATION – LIVE!** will inspire audiences with entertaining and educational stories about yesterday and today's visionaries and innovators – highlighting major turning points in the past and present that influenced the fields of science, technology, engineering, math, the environment, and social justice.

The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation is produced in partnership by The Henry Ford and Litton Entertainment, a leading independent production, and distribution company. The Griffin production will bring to life the world-changing innovations featured in the television show and preserved in the museum's archives.



ABOUT THE GRIFFIN THEATRE COMPANY



The Griffin Theatre Company originated in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood in a factory loft the company renovated in 1988. The mission of the Griffin Theatre Company is to create extraordinary and meaningful theatrical experiences for both children and adults by building bridges of understanding between generations that instill in its audience an appreciation of the performing arts. Through artistic collaboration the Griffin Theatre Company produces literary adaptations, original work and classic plays that challenge and inspire, with wit, style and compassion for the audience.

Celebrating its 32nd Anniversary this year, the Griffin has provided a wide range of work including world and mid-west premieres of acclaimed scripts, critically lauded productions of Shakespeare and original adaptations of novels. The Griffin Theatre Company is the recipient of 115 Joseph Jefferson Award nominations for theater excellence in Chicago. In 2018, the Griffin's production of the musical *Ragtime* received the Jeff Award for "Best Production of a Musical and Best Ensemble." In addition, the Griffin was the repeat winner of the 2016 Jeff Award for "Best Production of a Play" for *London Wall* having won the same award in 2015 for its production of *Men Should Weep*. In 2014, the Griffin was honored with a Special Jeff Award for artistic excellence and its dedication to provocative and transformational theatre for Chicago audiences as well as its touring theater that engages and enlightens youth throughout the United States.

The Griffin is a nationally recognized producer of youth touring theatre in the United States. The Griffin's national audience exceeds 100,000 young people and adults each year. Tours have included such prestigious venues as Cleveland Playhouse Square, Tennessee Center for the Performing Arts in Nashville, and the Cerritos Center for the Arts in Cerritos, California. Touring productions include both youth focused plays, *Frindle* and *The Stinky Cheese Man* and the Griffin's hit adult production of *Letters Home*—a production that pays tribute to the men and women in the US military, *In to America*, a play that traces America's 400 year immigrant history and *Ghosts of War*. Most recently, the Griffin produced the world premiere production of the Emmy Award-winning children's television show, *Innovation Nation*. Overall, Griffin's touring productions have been performed in 44 of our United States.

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Overview

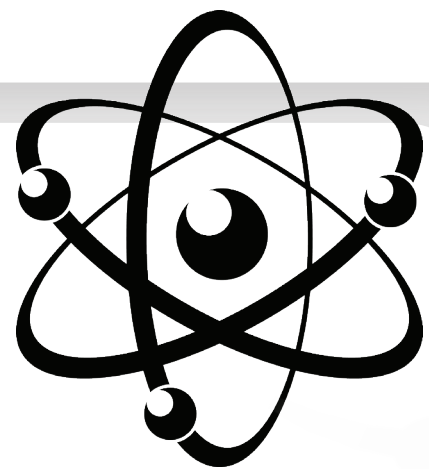
The Henry Ford Model I is a unique learning framework for developing an innovative mindset. Model I is comprised of two frames: Actions of Innovation and Habits of an Innovator. Together, they form a language that describes any person's unique innovation journey and guides students to think and act like innovators.

This guide outlines a set of activities that integrates Model I with stories and artifacts from The Henry Ford Archive of American Innovation, as well as students' own experiences. The activities complement one another, but you can extract individual activities or customize them to meet your needs.

Preparation Notes

The activities in this guide use a variety of online materials from The Henry Ford (photographs, videos, articles), so you will need computer equipment and an internet connection to display these materials in a classroom. If students are using their own devices, they will need to be able to connect to the internet to view the online materials.

Activities 2 and 3 require some supplies, which you may need to prepare ahead of time.



About the Henry Ford

The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan, is an internationally recognized cultural destination that brings the past forward by immersing visitors in the stories of ingenuity, resourcefulness and innovation that helped shape America.

A National Historic Landmark with an unparalleled collection of artifacts from 300 years of American history, The Henry Ford is a force for sparking curiosity and inspiring tomorrow's innovators. Learn more at thf.org

Innovation Powered by Perspective to unleash everyone's potential to innovate, The Henry Ford has developed Model I, a unique learning framework based on artifacts and stories in The Henry Ford Archive of American Innovation. This remarkable collection provides unprecedented insight into the ways people innovate across 300 years of American history. For over 90 years, our curators and historians have studied its content, curating stories of American ingenuity, resourcefulness and innovation that continue to evolve with today's breakthroughs. It is this experience combined with our decade-long focus on innovation education that provides the expertise behind Model I. The Model I framework consists of two frames: Actions of Innovation and Habits of an Innovator. Together, we use them as a language to describe Innovation Journeys within our collection — and activate learners through their own innovation journeys.