**Themes of Invention and Technology:**

1. New technology is expensive and in the hands of the wealthy and powerful. Over time these technologies become cheaper and more accessible to the masses.
2. We build on the collective learning of those people who came before us.
3. Cultural diffusion occurs through invention and technology. People will migrate and interact to share in technologies and cultures will put their own spin on an existing technology.
4. Inventions and technology is dichotomous and paradoxical. This means that new inventions can be used for both, “good”, or “bad” purposes and these are often relative in definition.
5. As human beings over time, technology and invention has accelerated us. One could chart this from the Oldowon Chopper to the iPod. This acceleration continues today. Here’s a song related to this topic by Muse: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcupKVyMrec>