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## Henry Ford

### Learn about the inventor Henry Ford

Read the paragraph below and then answer the questions that follow.

Henry Ford was born near Detroit, Michigan, on a farm. As a boy, he was very interested in machines and always had nuts, bolts, and mechanical parts in his pockets. When he was thirteen, he could put together a working watch. When Ford was sixteen, he left the farm and began working as an apprentice machinist, and then for Westinghouse, servicing their steam engines. In 1908, he married Clara Bryant. They returned to the farm and had a son named Edsel. When Ford was twenty-eight, he became an engineer at Edison Company. In his spare time, he did a great deal of experimenting with building automobiles, including one which set a land speed record of 91 miles per hour in 1904. When he was 40, Ford and some investors formed the Ford Motor Company. The company introduced the Model T in 1908. The car quickly became the first popular and affordable automobile, due to innovative, efficient, and less costly methods of mass-production.

Questions:

Ford was born on a farm near what city?

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How old was Ford when he learned to put together a working watch?

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What was the name of Ford's son?

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What was the name of the popular car introduced in 1908?

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Why was the car so affordable?

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