

A Brief History of Rubber

Research Worksheet

Instructions: Answer the prompts below on a separate sheet of paper. As you complete your research, be sure to collect appropriate information. You will need to find dates and locations, as well as key details about each specific topic.

1. Identify Charles Goodyear, his discovery and its significance.
2. Describe the earliest known use of rubber for sport. How else was rubber used in these early societies?
3. Highlight key points in the development of the pneumatic tire.
4. Identify King Leopold II and describe his involvement with rubber.
5. Who is Karl Benz, and what did he do that is significant with respect to the rubber industry?
6. Identify the Roxbury India Rubber Company and its significance.
7. What was Fordlandia?
8. Who was Joseph Priestly, and why is he associated with rubber?
9. Identify Thomas Hancock.
10. Briefly describe the Putumayo atrocities.
11. Briefly describe the development of synthetic rubber and its relationship to World War II.
12. List other uses for rubber, both in the past and in the present. As applicable, indicate when and where they were developed. Consider the following uses: Military, automobile, medical, sport and leisure, clothing, etc.