Inventions Debate

Imagine you are on the writing staff of *Scientific American* magazine. Your team is going to write an article entitled “Five Technologies that Changed the World.” The steam engine, railroad, internal combustion engine, steamship, and telegraph will be the featured technologies. Your job is to decide how to rank them.

Each person in your group of 5 will be assigned an invention to research and present to your group.

After reading about your assigned technology, each group member will receive 2 minutes to explain the significance of their invention and why it should receive a high ranking. Engage in a debate with your group about each technology’s relative importance.

Read your handouts and see the website below to learn about your inventions.

<https://sites.google.com/apps.wylieisd.net/5-5-tec-debate/home?authuser=0>

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| Invention | Summary of Invention and Significance |
| 1: Steam engine |  |
| 2: Railroad |  |
| 3: Internal combustion engine |  |
| 4: Steamship |  |
| 5: Telegraph  |  |

As a group, rank them from most important to least and write a brief explanation justifying your decision.

Ranking of Inventions: (your group MUST be unified in this)

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| Invention | Explanation—justification for ranking |
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