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The Change of Video

Have you ever thought how much motion pictures have changed the world? Good, bad? Some may say they are the cause of our generation being lazier than past ones, but didn't generations before us grow up with them, too? If you think about it, the invention of motion pictures has led to modern entertainment, so clearly they are good. If it were not for Eadweard Muybridge we might not have motion pictures as they are today. Moreover, motion pictures also led to Youtube, Netflix, TV, movie theaters, and many other things. Motion pictures have evolved to look increasingly better with the inventions of many new projectors, such as the 4K camera. Clearly this invention is amazing and deserves to be remembered (Not that they won't be).

Eadweard Muybridge created an invention called the Zoopraxiscope, the invention was a device that was able to project pictures (on to a wall, a screen, etc.). The device took a glass disc with pictures on it and spins it while shining a light through the disc, making the picture on the wall look like it is in motion (Fun Fact: the first ever motion picture seen only lasted two seconds). The Zoopraxiscope has been considered the first ever motion picture camera and was actually invented because of a funny reason. Former California Governor Leland Stanford, actually hired Eadweard to prove that when a racehorse gallops they lift all four feet off the ground at once. Muybridge was already into photographing moving objects, and he

was also famous for his photos of Yosemite Valley, so he seemed like the perfect man for the job. This project was the spark that ignited the idea for the Zoopraxiscope, the “first” ever movie projector.

Over the years there have been many new motion picture cameras, but the first one ever made was actually not a camera, it was a toy invented in 180 AD! This toy was called the Zoetrope. It does not project an image though. The toy produces an illusion of action. Images on the inside of the toy look like they are moving when you spin the toy and look through the holes on the side. This was the first ever “movie device” but it did not lead to where we are now. The next big movie projector was the Zoopraxiscope, this device was made in 1879 and was known through history as the first ever movie projector because it was the first to have ever projected moving images on a screen/wall. The next projector is the Vitascope. This device was invented by two men named Charles Francis Jenkins and Thomas Armat. This device could project images on a screen for a rather large audience. Although this device could not project video or moving pictures it still contributed to the projectors we have now. The Vitascope was able to project images larger than the Zoopraxiscope could, so therefore the technology from the two devices was able to contribute to making the latest of image projectors.

Lastly, is the fact that the invention of motion pictures are amazing. We should have to remember these devices for their work to create modern entertainment. These devices have definitely changed the world, and for the better. They have brought us movies that bring families together for a movie night, and not to mention they have brought us movie theaters which are the source for many hang outs with your friends.

These devices are also the reason we have many other things, therefore we should remember them for all the good that they have done for us.

Motion Pictures, they are not only videos and movies but they are also a way to express yourself and also bring a family together. To sum it up, motion pictures have made our world better. Thanks to Eadweard Muybridge, and the inventors of all projectors, we can enjoy these wonderful creations together. Therefore we shall remember motion pictures as one of the greatest inventions of all time.

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