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Design It!

READ:

Daniel Burnham was the lead architect of the 1893 World's Fair. It was his job to hire other architects and artists to design and build the fair's over 200 structures. Artists, like Mary Cassatt and Lorado Taft, made the Fair a beautiful place with their paintings and sculptures. Inventors such as George Ferris, who designed the Ferris Wheel, displayed their new products at the Fair. Electricity was new at the time of the Fair and one entire building was filled with products that used electricity and would change people's daily lives. It was the first time many people saw early versions of moving film and new ways of listening to music.

For more about the Fair, read or listen to "Best of the Fair" <http://chicagohistoryresources.org/greatchicagostories/worldsfair/story.html>

DO:

Imagine Chicago was holding a world's fair today. What would be included in your modern day World's Fair?

- **Create** a map for your World's Fair. Show the buildings and rides!
- **Think** of a problem or challenge people have, how could your invention help solve it?
- **Draw** a picture of your invention and write a description of how it works.
- **Make** a model of your invention out of things from around your house.

Approx. Time: 30—45 minutes

Materials:

- ⇒ Drawing supplies, crayons, markers, etc.
- ⇒ Paper/pen
- ⇒ Glue/tape
- ⇒ Craft supplies

SHARE:

- **Show** your map, drawings and invention to family members.
- **Post** pictures of your World's Fair maps, drawings, and inventions on Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #CHMatHomeFamilies.



View from a Ferris Wheel car looking towards the middle of the wheel, ICHi-065470

Glass workers at the Libbey Glass Company Factory on the Midway Plaisance, ICHi-067252

