

The Model T and Productivity

Explain how each of the following changes in the production of the Model T helped Henry Ford increase productivity. Frame your response in terms of reductions in input and increases in output.

1. The standardization of parts
2. Expanding operation of the Highland Park Plant to 3 shifts a day
3. Offering the Model T in only one color
4. Instituting the \$5 day
5. Establishing rules on worker gambling
6. Building a factory with windows that provided lots of natural
7. Designing a machine that makes a part faster than workers could make it by hand
8. Buying a rubber plantation
9. Buying ships
10. Operating an iron foundry next to the factory where vehicles are assembled.