

Two important industries

1 Detroit, Michigan

- major port city on the Detroit River
- largest city in the state of Michigan
- population: over 900,000
- population of the region: more than 4.4 million
- home to 'the big three' American car companies
- 4,000 factories in and around Detroit
- home to four professional sports teams (football, baseball, basketball, hockey)
- The Henry Ford: largest indoor-outdoor museum in the USA
- three border crossings with Canada



- a) Find Detroit, Michigan, on a map.
- b) Why is Detroit also called Motor City, USA? What do you think?
- c) Do you know the names of 'the big three' car companies? You can find two of them in the list of the top 10 car manufacturers in the world. Which ones?
- d) Look at the three photos and write down the name of each car.



A _____

B _____

C _____

- e) Do you know any singers or rappers from Detroit? What are the songs about?



NEW WORDS

major	wichtig, bedeutend
hockey	hier: Eishockey
indoor-outdoor museum	Museum mit Innen- und Außenanlagen
border crossing	Grenzübergang

2 Henry Ford

Complete the text and find out more about Henry Ford.

invented was born car Ireland assembly lines
 working days new machines Model T

Henry Ford _____ on July 30, 1863 in Dearborn, Michigan. His parents came from _____ and they had a farm. Because he thought there was too much work on the farm, Ford looked for _____, which could help with the work. In 1896 he built his first _____. In 1908 the Ford Motor Company sold the successful _____. Some Americans think that Henry Ford _____ the automobile, but Henry Ford's real invention was the assembly line. In 1913 cars were mass-produced by one of the first moving _____. Henry Ford paid his workers more money for fewer _____, and he made the five-day, 40-hour work week a normal part of working life. Henry Ford died in 1947.

NEW WORDS	
successful	erfolgreich
assembly line	Fließband
mass-produced	massenproduziert
working day	Arbeitstag



was born, Ireland, new machines, car, Model T, invented, assembly lines, working days

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- e) The white cross-over rapper Eminem sings about life in Detroit.
- d) A = General Motors (Cadillac) B = Ford C = Chrysler
- c) General Motors, Chrysler, Ford – list of top 10 car manufacturers in the world: 2. General Motors, 4. Ford
- b) Because the big three American car companies are based in Detroit.

a) individuelle Antworten

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