# **History of Manufacturing**

Lessons learned from the Past for the Future of Manufacturing

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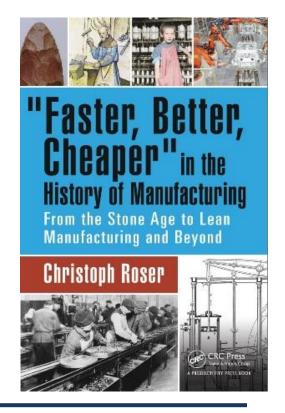




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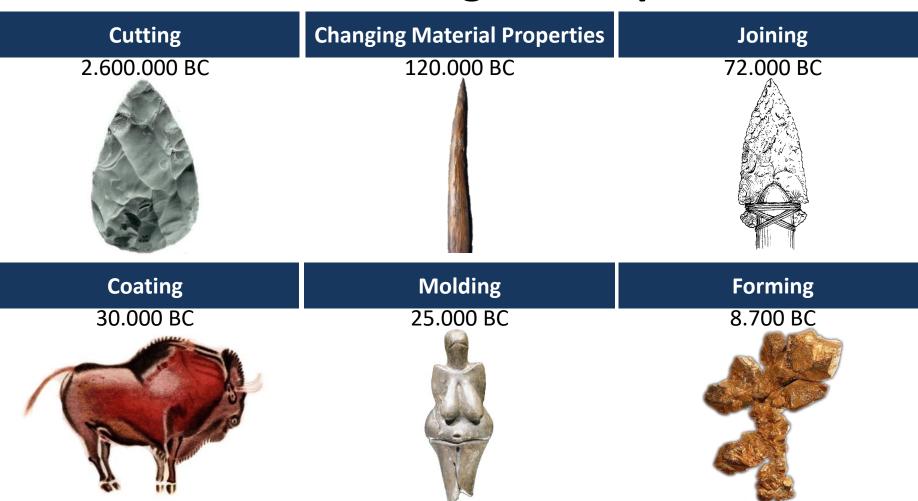








## The Six Manufacturing Techniques



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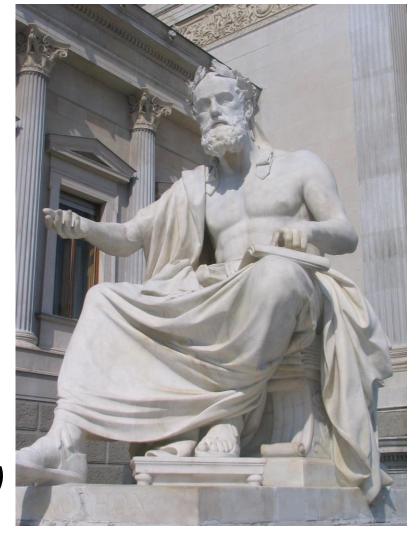


#### **Division of Labor in Ancient Times**

In a small city the same man has to build beds, chairs, ploughs and tables and often even to build houses. [...]

But in the big cities [an artisan will get] his living merely by stitching shoes, another by cutting them out, a third by shaping the upper leathers, and a fourth will do nothing but fit the parts together.

Xenophon (ca. 430 – 354 BC)





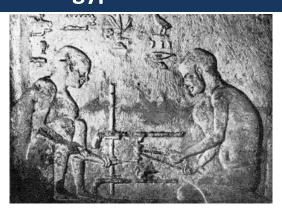


### **Mechanization and Energy Sources**

#### **Egyptian Potter's Wheel**



**Egyptian Lathe** 



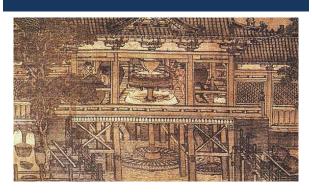
**Roman Flour Mill** 



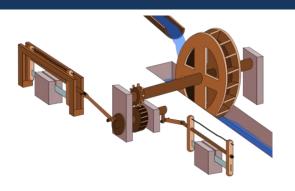
**Persian Windmill** 



**Chinese Watermill** 



**Roman Sawmill** 



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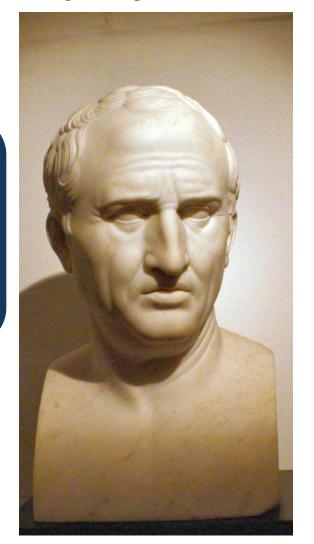




## **Prestige of Craftmanship in Antiquity**

All mechanics are engaged in vulgar trades, for no workshop can have anything liberal about it.

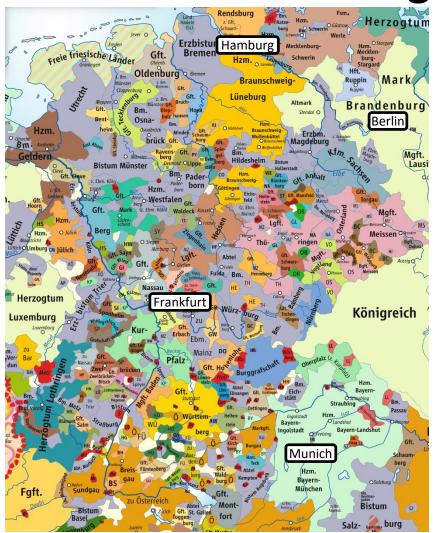
Cicero (106 – 43 BC)







## Advancement during the Middle Ages





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#### **The Industrial Revolution 1715**



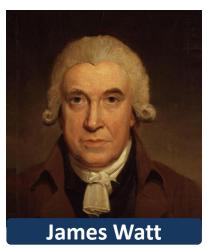
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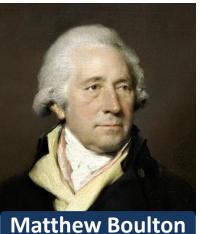


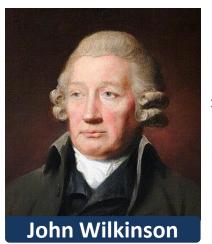


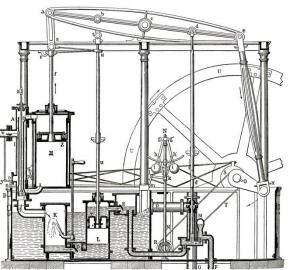
### **The Steam Engine 1775**

- First effektive steam engine from James Watt
- Soho Manufactory Matthew Boulton
- Production of cylinders John "Iron-Mad" Wilkinson
- Huge synergy effects









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#### Social unrests – Luddism

- Financial and social decline of weavers through mechanization
- Luddite uprising 1811-1817
- Objectives of the Luddites
  - Fair Salary
  - Ban of mechanization
- Deployment of the British army

The Luddites did not accomplish any of their goals!



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### **Henry Ford & Mass Production**

- Rigorous optimization of production efficiency
- Use of assembly line
- Model T: 1908 €20.000 → 1925 €3.500 (in modern Euro)





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1927

Ford Model T 1908



### **Relevance of Flexibility**

#### **Henry Ford**



Ford Model A 1928 – 1931

Ford Model B 1932 - 1934

#### Alfred P. Sloan (GM)



Chevrolet Series AA
Capitol 1927



Chevrolet Series AB National 1928



Chevrolet Series AC International 1929



Chevrolet Series AD
Universal 1930



Chevrolet Series AE Independence 1931



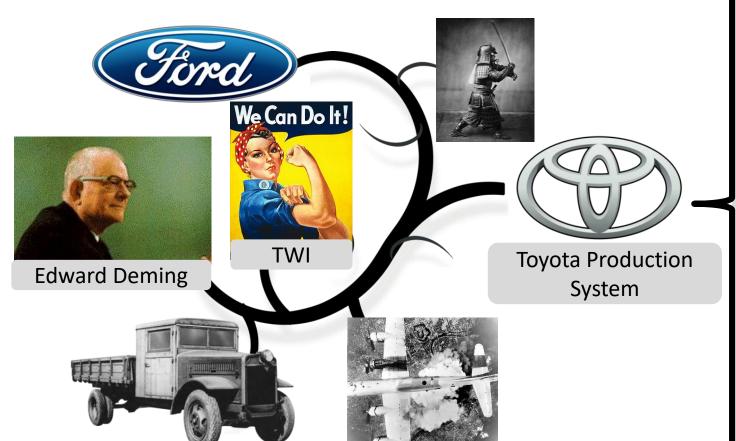
Chevrolet Series BA Confederate 1932

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#### **Lean Production from 1950**



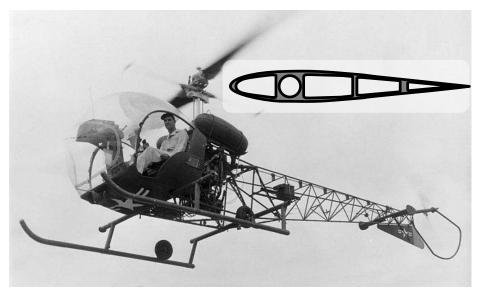
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- Jidoka
- Just in Time
- Kaizen
- Kanban
- Mizusumashi
- Muda
- Mura
- Muri
- Poka Yoke
- SMED





### **Computer and Automatization**

- John Parsons NC Machine 1950
- Only from about 1985 on cost effective
- George Devol industrial robot UNIMATE 1954





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#### **Lessons for the Future**

- Speed and Flexibility of Logistic chains will increase in significance
- Attention to Detail will remain important
  - Strategy Execution over
  - Strategy Creation
- New Technologies will disrupt
- businesses
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Battery and Self Driving Cars
  - Gene Modification Technology



Manufacturing continues to need people! Manufacturing continues to need leadership!

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# **Questions?**



