

The Great History Hunt

Use this worksheet to help you explore the primary and secondary sources used to tell the story of Herb, Honeywell, and the Airplane Autopilot.

Family Document: **My Present Self**

What does Herb write in his essay that indicates his interest in becoming an electronics engineer?

Family Document: **Will you need another suit of heavy underwear?**

What kinds of things did Herb's mother worry about when he first arrived at school in Chicago?

Family Document: **Sister Knows Best**

Compare this letter to the one Herb received from his mother. How are they similar or different?

Family Document: **New Home in the Big City**

What are some special difficulties that Herb's family faced because of the war?

Family Document: **A Week in the Life**

What did the doctors learn about Herb's condition during his operation?

Company Document: **A History of Heating**

How does this ad promote the benefits of an early thermostat?

Company Document: **Inside the Autopilot**

How does the manual describe the benefits of the autopilot to pilots?

Company Document: **A Tale of Technology**

What conclusions does the writer make about the impact of autopilot technology?

Company Document: **Post-war Possibilities**

How does this article from a Honeywell newsletter describe the post-war plans for the company?

Secondary Document: **Big Book, Big Picture**

How did American companies know they would make a profit by switching to producing war supplies?

Secondary Document: **Making Company History**

How much money did Honeywell invest in new factory space before the start of World War II?
Where would the money come from to pay for this expansion?

Secondary Document: **Bombs Away!**

Describe the accuracy of the following statement: “The Honeywell autopilot was a totally new invention.”