

# Words of Visionaries

Module: Speeches by Visionaries & Changing World Order

At Dreamers & Innovators, we have two ongoing modules. First, **Speeches by Visionaries**, for our junior Dreamers, strives to inspire them with the ideas, words and achievements of world-renowned figures such as Kalam, Martin Luther King Jr., Steve Jobs etc.

Our module for seniors, **Changing World Order**, demystifies the conflicts and crises of today by identifying the roots and evolutions of these issues, which all go back to events of the 20th century.

This week's newsletter showcases the ideas of three promising Dreamers: Amishi, who writes about Henry Ford and his contribution to the automobile industry. Daanish elaborates on the pertinent issue of the Russian invasion of Ukraine while Samaira narrates the tale of the end of the USSR.

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## Henry Ford & Innovation

Amishi Sharma  
10 years



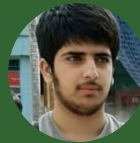
Henry Ford was born in 1863. Since his childhood, he had been interested in mechanics. When he grew older, he built the first horseless powered carriage and he named it the quadricycle as its four wheels were those of a bicycle.

Later on, he started the Ford Motor Company and in the same year, built his first car, the Model A. The Model A was not the best version, so Ford came up with a better, cheaper idea and called it the Model T. Soon Ford came up with the moving assembly line through which he made more cars in less time. Soon the workers got tired of repeating the same task and started leaving to find jobs with competitors hence Henry Ford started giving \$5 a shift to retain his employees. He also reduced the shift period to eight hours, an hour less than before.

In a few years, the Model T was outdated by other companies. So Ford made the Ford Model A, a better version of Model T. Ford came up with the V-8 engine, which was great for sales. He retired and gave over the factory to his grandson, Henry Ford II in 1945.

## Ukraine & Russia's Relationship

Daanish Behl  
15 years



Ukraine was a member of the Soviet Union until 1991 until it disintegrated. Ukraine was the most powerful country in the Soviet Union after Russia. And, before that, Ukraine had been part of the Russian Empire under the rule of the Tsars of the Romanov family. Thus, it is fair to say, Russia and Ukraine go back a long way.

The newly formed Ukrainian state had had friendly relations with Russia. But, the Russian invasion and annexation of Crimea resulted in hostility between both countries which only increased with other political causes.

On Feb 24, 2022, Russia launched a full-fledged invasion of Ukraine. Ukraine has been of paramount importance to Russia as Ukraine provides Russia with access to the Black Sea and crucial connectivity to the Mediterranean Sea and as Ukraine with its rich natural resources, huge market and advanced agriculture and industrial output is of economic value to Russia.

On 7 February 2019, the Ukrainian parliament voted with a majority of 334 out of 385 to change the Ukrainian constitution to help Ukraine to join NATO and the European Union. This possible factor of Ukraine joining the NATO alliance was a chief reason for Russian aggression. Russia argues that its moves are aimed at protecting its own security considerations.

## The End of the USSR

Samaira Kalra  
14 years



The Russian Revolution occurred in 1917 and ended the Russian empire. This was followed by the Russian Civil War which finally resulted in the formation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) in 1922.

The USSR had a total of 15 countries before its disintegration, including Russia. The disintegration of the USSR was preceded by major historical events like the end of the Warsaw pact: a treaty which was created in 1955 to keep the socialist groups; the fall of the Berlin Wall which had divided Berlin in Germany into two parts, uniting neighbourhoods and families overnight.

The USSR had to face various political and economic problems. The citizens of the country had not been happy with their leader, Gorbachev. Gorbachev wanted to save the Soviet system, for which he introduced two reforms: Glasnost and Perestroika, but these ended up destroying the USSR.

The major factors which led to the disintegration were the lack of political accountability of the Communist Party. This was a very dark period for the country. However, it led to the emergence of new countries like the Baltic countries. This exceptionally important event in the history of the world gives us food for thought as to how the administration of a country can go awry.