

TOPIC 4 – COMMUNICATIONS

Topic Overview

Topic 4 highlights the development and expansion of communication systems in North Dakota. It includes primary sources that will help you understand how communication technology changed the lives of people in North Dakota.

Topic Objectives

- As a result of the study of Topic 4, you will be able to
 - Analyze and interpret primary documents.
 - Explore technological changes that affected communication in North Dakota.

ND Content Standards

- 8.1.2
- 8.3.4
- 8.6.1

Common Core Standards

- RH 2
- RH 3
- WHST 2
- WHST 9

Topic Activities

- Learning from Historical Documents
- Creative Interpretation

Learning from Historical Documents

To access a photo/document/map, refer to the topic reading assignment or use the SEARCH feature to enter its name or number.

From your reading of the introduction of radio to the people of the United States, list how the “radio craze” affected the people of North Dakota. Photos that may assist you include **D0728**, **A5425**, **14920**, **2012-P-007**, **2007.13.154**, **0018-32-03**, **C3602**, and **2002.58.7**. Then, write a concluding statement on how radio is still a part of the lives of North Dakotans today.

How the “Radio Craze” Impacted North Dakotans

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Radio is a part of North Dakota life today in the following ways:

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Creative Interpretation

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Read the information in Topic 4 on telephones, and view the following Images: **14429; 2004-P-06-199 H-O; 1986.60; 1985.52**. Imagine yourself making a phone call to a friend during each of the time frames depicted by these photos. Write a brief conversation telling your friend how excited you are about the features of this new technology. Discuss.

Crank phone: _____

Phone booth: _____

Rotary dial phone: _____

Touchtone phone: _____

