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Unit 3
Decision–Making Skills

Building Academic Skills
Science

Modern Technology

The twentieth century was a time of rapid change. New inventions, discoveries, and developments changed the way people lived, worked, and played. In 1900, most people used horses for transportation, candles and kerosene or oil lamps for lighting, and coal- or wood-burning stoves for cooking. The telephone had been invented but was not in wide use, and the Wright brothers' first flight was three years in the future. Many people, especially in rural areas, had no indoor plumbing.

Directions: On the chart below, list at least one effect each invention or discovery has had on society, families, or individuals. Then on the lines below the chart, describe the changes you think the twenty-first century will bring to that area.

Invention or Discovery	Effect
Air conditioning	
Computer	
Fax machine	
Polio vaccine	
Teflon	
Television	

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