

# HIST1010: The Skills in Unit 3

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## WHAT'S COVERED

In this lesson, you will learn how technology has changed the way we communicate over time.

Specifically, this lesson will cover:

1. Introduction
2. Skills in this Unit



## BEFORE YOU START

How can a slide presentation, like PowerPoint, help you communicate a clear message?

## 1. Introduction

In this unit, you'll explore how far we've come in how we communicate—from rudimentary marks on paper to the rise of social media. You'll examine how every new development challenges us as users and consumers—and how embracing those challenges helps you build your technology skill and agility skill so you can stay ahead of the curve. In this final unit, you will continue to improve your communication skill and learn how to deliver a message of your own.

Using slides to present your argument will help you not only strengthen your technology skill but also create a solid, unshakeable structure for your presentation so you can communicate your research and clearly explain your thoughts. And, by staying agile, you'll be able to make adjustments to that structure without compromising your goal.

First, you'll examine the changing technology of warfare and explore the many innovations developed for military use—the microwave, the ambulance, and GPS, among countless others—that became beneficial for peacetime applications. You'll also learn how science and technology have played pivotal roles throughout our health care's history and how the dissemination of information, the communication of new discoveries and technologies, have allowed for the modern state of our healthcare system.

It may be hard to imagine, but once upon a time, people got their news solely by word of mouth. Then came newspapers, radio, and television. And while all those mediums still exist, most of us today get our information from the internet...for better and for worse. Technology has affected American life, specifically, we will explore how it has changed our relationship to politics and the news. You'll see how politicians, primarily presidents, have used different techniques and technologies to convey their messages to the masses.

You will read how politicians in the United States have used various techniques to communicate with people throughout the country's history. In the 18th and 19th centuries, that often meant relying on public speeches,

which would then be covered in the newspapers. With the advent of radio and television, politicians could more easily be seen and heard. Now with social media and the internet, they can speak to the entire world in a matter of moments. All of these different mediums have their own advantages and disadvantages—and they each require politicians to deliver their messages in unique ways and to adapt when necessary. By understanding how technology affects our communication, you'll be more agile in your own communication in the future.

Learning new technologies can be a lot like learning a new language—awkward at first, but once you find your footing in one technology, it's easy to feel the flow of that fluency in other areas of tech. That's why practicing your technology skill is so important. Not only will it help you remain agile in your future of work, but it can enhance your other skills too. By practicing your technology skill alongside your communication skill, for example, you'll be able to use tech to more effectively communicate the conclusions you've drawn in this course as well as future thoughts and decisions at school, home, or work!

## 2. Skills in this Unit

In this unit, we will focus on your **communication**, **technology**, and **agility** skills.

Skills in Unit 3	Description
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Knowing how to identify the principles of good structure and organizing main points for an oral presentation to help you better persuade an audience and communicate your argument</li><li>• How great speakers used their communication skill or new communication technology to broadcast their message and leave their mark on U.S. history</li><li>• How medical practitioners and patients use communication and agility to keep up with an ever-changing healthcare system</li><li>• Overall you'll learn how to tie together all aspects of your communication skill to deliver an outstanding presentation!</li></ul>
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How technology has changed healthcare</li><li>• How communication technology has changed the way we access information and what this means for our daily lives</li><li>• How to apply your technology skill to create an effective slide presentation</li></ul>
Agility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The history of changing military technology and how people use agility to integrate technology into military strategy and daily life</li><li>• How using an agile mindset will help us adapt to and learn new communication technologies</li></ul>



### SUMMARY

In this lesson, you were **introduced** to how the **skills in this unit** (communication, technology, and agility) will be incorporated into the following challenges. Technology has improved the way we communicate over time. You will use a presentation program, such as PowerPoint, in the upcoming Touchstone to effectively communicate your message and supporting research. In order to learn a new digital tool and be able to organize your thoughts to communicate your argument, you must be agile!

Best of luck in your learning!

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