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Rolling Through History

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The invention of the wheel likely made daily tasks easier and more efficient by enabling the transportation of heavy objects, which could have improved agriculture, trade, and overall quality of life.
2. The wheel's transformative impact on transportation and various other fields demonstrated humanity's ability to invent solutions to complex problems, making it a symbol of progress and innovation.
3. Possible answers could include the internet, electricity, or smartphones, as they have revolutionized communication and daily life in a similar way to the wheel's impact in ancient civilizations.
4. Possible answers might include discussing how wheels and transportation have enabled economic growth but also contributed to pollution and environmental degradation, emphasizing the need for sustainable alternatives.

