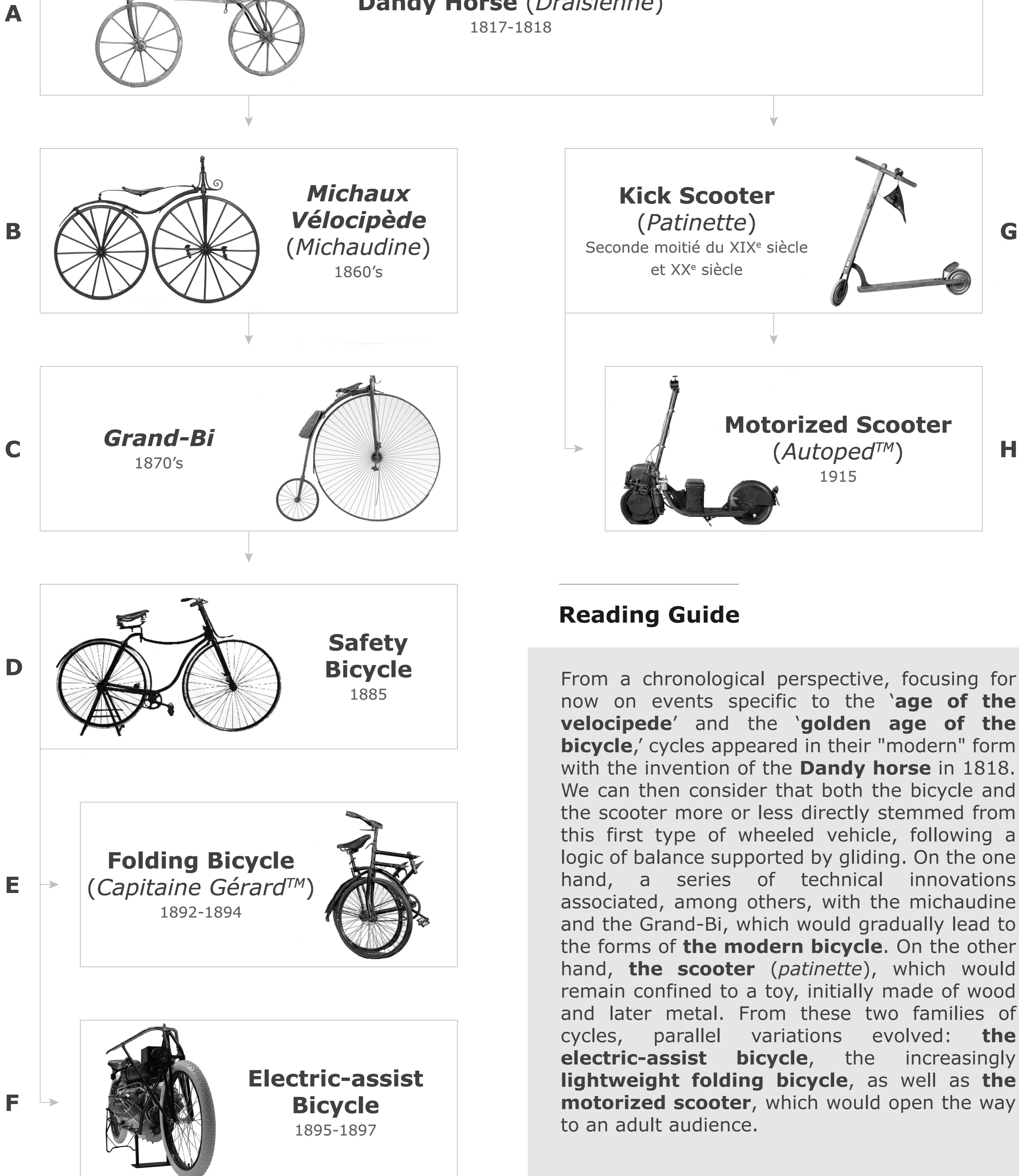


Bicycle



Reading Guide

From a chronological perspective, focusing for now on events specific to the '**age of the velocipede**' and the '**golden age of the bicycle**,' cycles appeared in their "modern" form with the invention of the **Dandy horse** in 1818. We can then consider that both the bicycle and the scooter more or less directly stemmed from this first type of wheeled vehicle, following a logic of balance supported by gliding. On the one hand, a series of technical innovations associated, among others, with the michaudine and the Grand-Bi, which would gradually lead to the forms of the **modern bicycle**. On the other hand, **the scooter** (*patinette*), which would remain confined to a toy, initially made of wood and later metal. From these two families of cycles, parallel variations evolved: **the electric-assist bicycle**, the increasingly **lightweight folding bicycle**, as well as **the motorized scooter**, which would open the way to an adult audience.