When we found out this year’s topic, we thought about how much computers had impacted out lives. Then we saw an introductory MIT Computer Science course that went into detail on the impact Alan Turing had on the world of computer science. It became clear that he was a very revolutionary figure. The name sounded familiar, we had heard of him for his WWII code breaking exploits. We began to realize the genius behind the theories and the ideas. We had discovered the man behind the curtain of the computer revolution.

We started out by looking at a series of books on Turing. We discovered a series of videos at the same time. However, much of our background information came from the books. Next we began to look at the specifics of the Turing machine. There we found a plethora of primary sources. The huge impact of Alan Turing’s work soon became evident.

Then we began to look through primary sources. We even read through a large part of his paper. It was clear that the computer industry had formed because of his work. We found many primary sources that attested to the importance of his work.

Finally we began to build the site. We used Adobe Creative Suite to create the images and ensure consistent video quality. The MIT Simile Timeline was a great JS library to create a timeline. Finally, we used qTip to enable hovering on images. This made sure the site was interactive and interesting.