The 1900s

Flight.

The Wright brothers flew at Kitty Hawk, Marconi sent radio across the Atlantic, and Einstein published four papers that changed physics.

What rose

1901. Marconi's radio signal crosses the Atlantic. Source: Guglielmo Marconi

1903. The Wright brothers make the first powered, controlled flight. Source: Wright Flyer

1905. Einstein's miracle year: special relativity and the light quantum. Source: Annus mirabilis papers

1908. The Model T. The Haber process for fixing nitrogen, which now feeds half the world. Source: Haber process

What fell or stalled

Britain and Germany raced to build battleships, the arms race that ended in 1914. Source: Anglo-German naval arms race

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