Evolution of the Bicycle

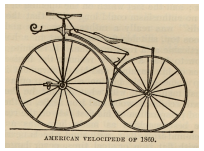
1817: Draisine

The first bike invented by Baron Karl von Drais.

1820: 3/4 Wheelers

This bike required rider balance and came in a variety of sizes and styles.

1830: Velocipede



Improvement of 3 and 4 wheelers, invented by Thomas McCall of Scotland.

1860: Michaux

The original pedal-bicycle created by Pierre Michaux in France.

1870: High-Wheel

Made for faster speeds, invented by James Starley of France.

1885: Safety bike

Invented by John Kemp Starley in England, this was the most important bike in the evolution spectrum, giving the bicycle a recreational purpose.

1960: Racing Bike

As bicycle racing became an increasingly popular sport in the U.S., technology in bicycles evolved and the racing bike was created.

1980: Mountain Bike

Invented to be able to sustain strength for a variety of surfaces. Over time, this bike has evolved to become a mass-produced, modern technology.