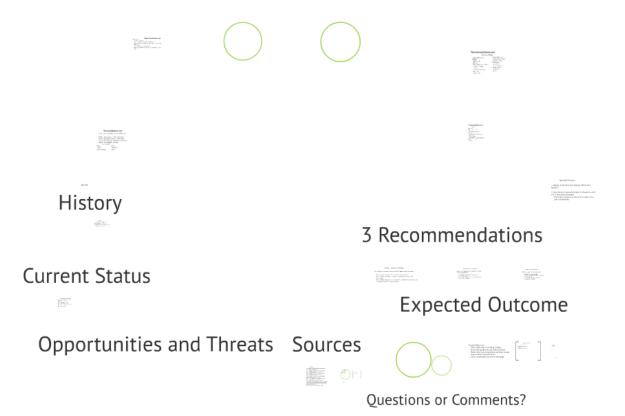
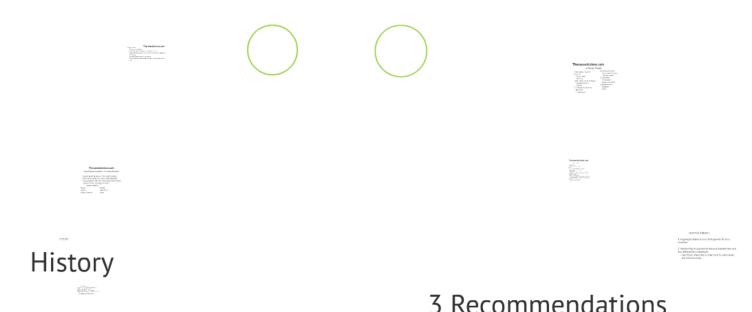
Our Goals

VRIO Analysis

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Current Status

Opportunities and Threats Sources





Expected Outcome

Questions or Comments?

Today's Goals:

- Target's background
- Current market conditions for variety retailers
- Analyze Target's opportunities, threats, Six Forces model and VRIO scale
- Identify Target's two main problems
- Offer three recommendations and how to implement them
- Q&A

Current Market Conditions for Variety Retailers

- Fastest growing sector in the retail industry
- Revenue growing at a rate or 5.8% annually
- Low-priced variety retail attracting a new market segment with declining economy

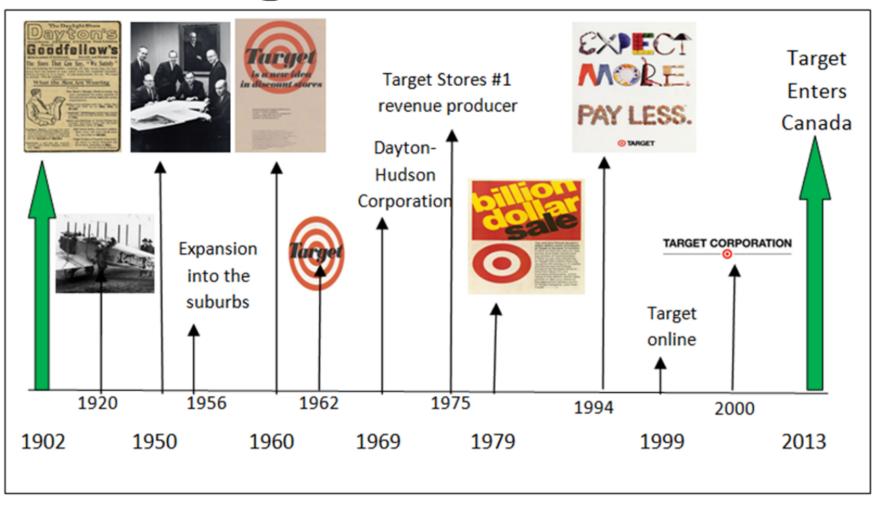
Largest players:

-Target -Kmart

-Costco -Wal-Mart

-Dollar General -Sears

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Interesting Facts

- Target was founded on Presbyterian Principals
- Started a radio station in 1922
- Thrived during WWII due to their strategy
- Entered and exited jewelry and bookstore industries

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Strategy:

- Product Differentiation and Cost Leader Strategies
- 1,797 store in US, 122 in Canada
- 37 Distribution Centers
- Ranked as #2 on the fortune 500 list under the general merchandising category for the past 3 years
- 4.9% growth rate last year



6 Forces Model

- 1. Bargaining Power of Suppliers
 - Partner with
 - Diversity
- 2. Bargaining Power of Buyers
 - Customer Loyalty
 - Foresee
- 3. Threat of Competitors
 - -Wal-Mart
 - E-Commerce

- 4. Potential Entrants
 - Niche customer base
 - Learning curves
- 5. Substitutes
 - Convenience
 - Specialized stores
- 6. Complimentors
 - Starbucks
 - Banks

VRIO Framework

Valuable: Maybe

Valuable intangible resources

Rare: No

Similar resources to all variety retailer

Small rarity from REDcard program

Imitable: Maybe

Viewed by customers as trendy and affordable

Differentiator and low-cost leader hard to imitate

Organization: Maybe

REDcard support software

Employee satisfaction programs, lower turnover rates

Good relationships with suppliers of differentiated

products

Need to work on supply chain