



Name(s) _____

Use the reference material available (printed or online) to complete the information for each inventor. After you are finished, construct a time line to show the development of technology from the earliest date to the most recent.

Inventor	Invention(s)/Date(s)	Nationality
Ben Franklin		
Elijah McCoy		
Robert Fulton		
Eli Whitney		
Samuel F.B. Morse		
Isaac Merritt Singer		
Alexander Graham Bell		
Thomas Alva Edison		
Spencer Silver		
Johannes Gutenberg		
Dr. Edward Jenner		
Joseph-Nicephore Niepce		
Christopher Latham Sholes		
Alexander Fleming		
Ezra J. Warner		
Dr. Charles Drew		
L. E. Waterman		
W. H. Carrier		
James Watt		
Elisha G. Otis		
Etienne Lenoir		
Percy L. Spencer		
Edward Binney/Harold Smith		
James Wright		
Wilbur & Orville Wright		
Richard James		
Bette Nesmith Graham		
Richard Drew		
Whitcomb Judson		
Arthur Granjean		
Ann Moore		
Levi Strauss		

Inventor's Challenge

Use the key to check your answers on the worksheet.
Be sure to make corrections before constructing your time line!

Inventor	Invention(s)/Date(s)	Nationality
Ben Franklin	Bifocals -1760	American
Elijah McCoy	Oil lubricator/Brakes - 1872	Canadian
Robert Fulton	Steamboat - 1807	American
Eli Whitney	Cotton Gin - 1793	American
Samuel F.B. Morse	Telegraph/Code - 1837	American
Isaac Merritt Singer	Sewing machine - 1853	American
Alexander Graham Bell	Telephone -1876	American
Thomas Alva Edison	Light bulb - 1879; Phonograph - 1877	American
Spencer Silver	Post-It notes - 1968	American
Johannes Gutenberg	Printing press - 1450	German
Dr. Edward Jenner	Small pox vaccine - 1796	English
Joseph-Nicephore Niepce	Camera - 1826	French
Christopher Latham Sholes	Typewriter - 1868	American
Alexander Fleming	Penicillin - 1928	English
Ezra J. Warner	Can Opener - 1858	American
Dr. Charles Drew	Blood bank - 1941	American
L. E. Waterman	Fountain pen - 1884	American
W. H. Carrier	Air Conditioning - 1902	American
James Watt	Steam engine - 1765	Scottish
Elisha G. Otis	Elevator brake - 1852	American
Etienne Lenoir	Gas engine - 1860	French
Percy L. Spencer	Microwave oven - 1947	American
Edward Binney/Harold Smith	Crayola - 1903	American
James Wright	Silly Putty - 1943	American
Wilbur & Orville Wright	Airplane - 1903	American
Richard James	Slinky - 1943	American
Bette Nesmith Graham	Liquid paper - 1956	American
Richard Drew	Scotch tape - 1930; Masking tape - 1925	American
Whitcomb Judson	Zipper - 1893	American
Arthur Granjean	Etch-A-Sketch - 1959	French
Ann Moore	Snugli infant carrier - 1969	American
Levi Strauss	Denim/jeans - 1850	American