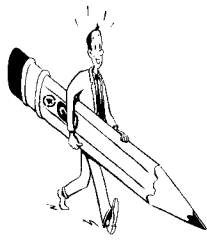


Activity 2



THE HISTORY OF THE PENCIL

THE PENCIL TIMELINE

- 50 AD** The Romans write with small brushes of animal hairs and metal styluses.
- 1564** Large graphite deposit found in England; enables widespread use of graphite pencils.
- 1662** Wood-cased pencils are mass-produced for the first time in Nuremberg, Germany.
- 1812** The first pencils are made in the U.S., when the war cuts off supplies from England.
- 1890** Mass produced pencils are painted yellow, to advertise graphite from Asia.
- 1912** Pencil manufacturers begin using California Incense-Cedar.
- 1972** The first plastic pencil is made.
- 1988** Tropical rainforest wood is imported into the U.S. to make pencils.

PART I: Many of the most important people in history used a pencil on the job. Below are descriptions of eight important "pencil people." Try to identify each person or group by matching the description with a name in the Name Bank.

- (1) _____ This future "Father of Our Country" used a three-inch pencil to sketch the Ohio Territory before the American Revolution.
- (2) _____ This kite-flying American inventor advertised pencils in his own newspaper, the *Pennsylvania Gazette*.
- (3) _____ This American president used a pencil to write his Gettysburg Address, one of the most famous speeches in American history.
- (4) _____ This famous inventor of the light bulb only used 3 inch pencils, since they were the only ones which would fit in his coat pocket.

PART I: NAME BANK

- (A) Thomas Edison
- (B) George Washington
- (C) Abraham Lincoln
- (D) Benjamin Franklin

PART II: Today, many countries in the world make pencils. However, Ancient Rome (Italy), Germany and England played the most important roles in the development of the pencil. See if you can locate these countries/cities on the map.

Match the countries with names in the Word Bank.

PART II: WORD BANK

- (A) England
- (B) Germany
- (C) Ancient Rome (Italy)

