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People/Places	
Robert Fulton	

Key Facts Invented Playstation

Sony

Louis Braille

Ken Kutaragi

Enric Bernat

Salvador Dali

United States of America

A place where storekeepers put candy in view of kids for the first time

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logo for the Chupa Chups lollipops

Lost his sight at age three

Home to the Chesapeake Bay

Invented something to enjoy without getting sticky hands

Improved the steamboat

A Japanese multinational corporation

The home of a man whose invention has helped millions of people read.

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Spain

France

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Answer Key

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Whether a form of communication, transportation or something else, many inventions have helped ease the human workload. Inventions make life easier for people, create new opportunities and improve a person's quality of life.

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The German inventor Johannes Gutenberg made the printing press in the mid-1400s. some 600 years ago. It made it possible for people to have printed materials in the form of books, pamphlets and newspapers for the first time. The printing press brought about the first mechanized printing of ink on paper.

The first gas-powered car was made by a man named Carl Benz in 1879. It was much smaller than the cars of today, with only two seats and three wheels. However, the French inventor Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot actually built the first steam-powered vehicle, in 1770. Automobiles have come a long way since Benz's and Cugnot's first cars. Modern automobiles are much bigger, faster and more efficient in getting people to long-distance locations.

The invention of the telephone in 1876 was groundbreaking. Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray both submitted patents for the invention. Although some historians may favor Gray as the inventor of the first telephone, Bell won in the long run. Bell's patent was approved, and on March 10, 1876, the first telephone call was made.

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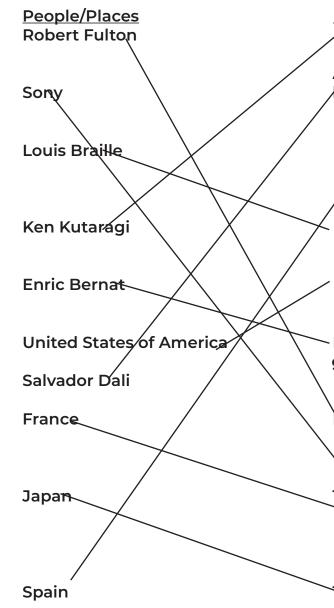
Some of the greatest inventors were all men who lived long ago and created things still making a difference today, even if the things they each made have changed over time. They were competing against other people with good ideas like theirs, but we remember them because they got the patents first. They were all creative, intelligent and patient individuals.



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