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Kidsville News! Brainworks Worksheet  
September Enrichment Activities  
Grades K-2

CONNECTIONS  
Kidsville

Students: After reading "Connections," answer the following questions in complete sentences. Provide as many details as possible.

1. How do inventions help humans?
2. What was the printing press, and what did it do for society?
3. Explain how the automobile was invented, and how this invention has changed over time.
4. How did the telephone come to be? Describe the process its inventors went through to create it.
5. Which of these inventions or another do you feel has had the greatest impact on the world. Why?



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Students: After reading "Around the World," use information from the article to match the people and places on the left to the key facts on the right.

People/Places

Robert Fulton

Louis Braille

Ken Kutaragi

Eric Bernat

United States of America

France

Japan

Spain

Key Facts

Invented Playstation

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

Lost his sight at age three

Home to the Chesapeake Bay

Invented something to enjoy without  
 getting sticky hands

Improved the steamboat

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

This country is a giant in electronics.



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Students: After reading "Wildville," create your own unique invention for a pet. In the space below, name your invention, explain its purpose and how it works, and tell why it is something every pet owner needs. Be creative and use your imagination!

Bonus: Draw a picture of your invention on the back of this paper.

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Answer Key



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**Parents/teachers:** Answers are below.

**1. How do inventions help humans?**

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.

**2. What was the printing press, and what did it do for society?**

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.

**3. Explain how the automobile was invented, and how this invention has changed over time.**

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.

**4. How did the telephone come to be? Describe the process its inventors went through to create it.**

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.

**5. Which of these inventions or another do you feel has had the greatest impact on the world. Why?**

Answers will vary.

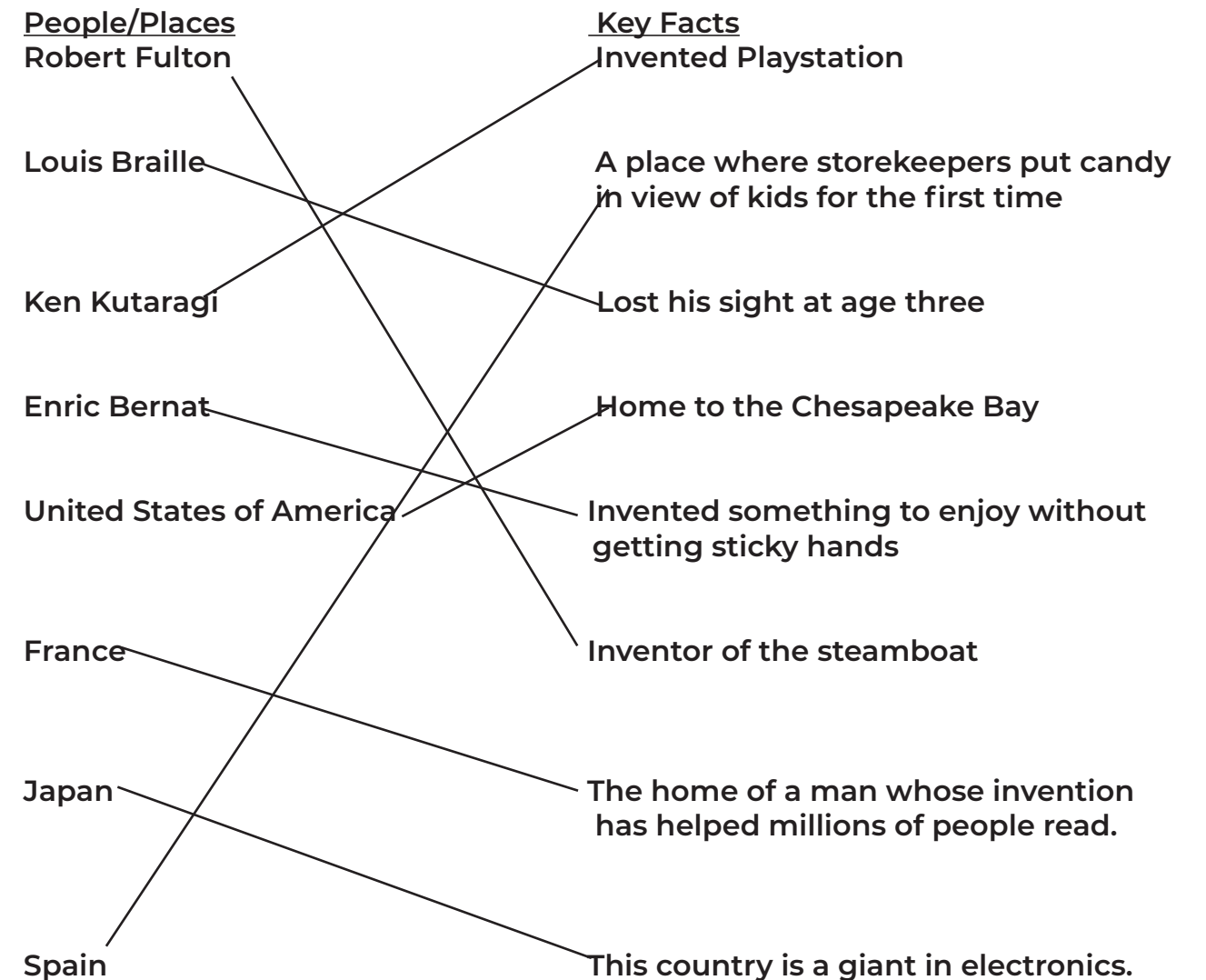


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