

STUDENT WORKSHEET 1- THINKING ABOUT INVENTIONS

Student Name: _____

Directions: Carefully look at the drawings or photographs of different inventions. Discuss with your group the answers to the questions. Use as much detail as you can in your answers. If you don't know an answer for sure, make a good, thoughtful guess.

Example: Primary Source 1: Drawbaugh invention

1. From what material does it look like this machine is made?
2. Describe this device's different parts.
3. How might a person use it?
4. Does this invention remind you of any modern-day inventions? If so, what?
5. How do you think this invention was used? (circle one)
 - a. for transportation
 - b. to make a daily job easier
 - c. for fun
6. If you had to give this invention a name, what would you call it? _____

Primary Source 2: Ferris invention

1. What does it look like this machine is made of?
2. Describe this device's different parts.
3. How might a person use it?
4. Does this invention remind you of any modern-day inventions? If so, what?
5. How do you think this invention was used? (circle one)
 - a. for transportation
 - b. to make a daily job easier
 - c. for fun
6. If you had to give this invention a name, what would you call it? _____

Primary Source 3: Pitcairn invention

1. What does it look like this machine is made of?

2. Describe this device's different parts.
3. How might a person use it?
4. Does this invention remind you of any modern-day inventions? If so, what?
5. How do you think this invention was used? (circle one)
 - a. for transportation
 - b. to make a daily job easier
 - c. for fun
6. If you had to give this invention a name, what would you call it? _____

Primary Source 4: Sholes invention

1. What does it look like this machine is made of?
2. Describe this device's different parts.
3. How might a person use it?
4. Does this invention remind you of any modern-day inventions? If so, what?
5. How do you think this invention was used? (circle one)
 - a. for transportation
 - b. to make a daily job easier
 - c. for fun
6. If you had to give this invention a name, what would you call it? _____