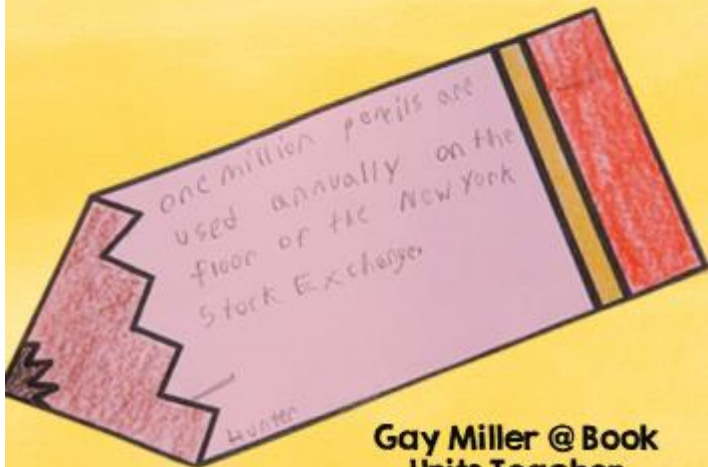
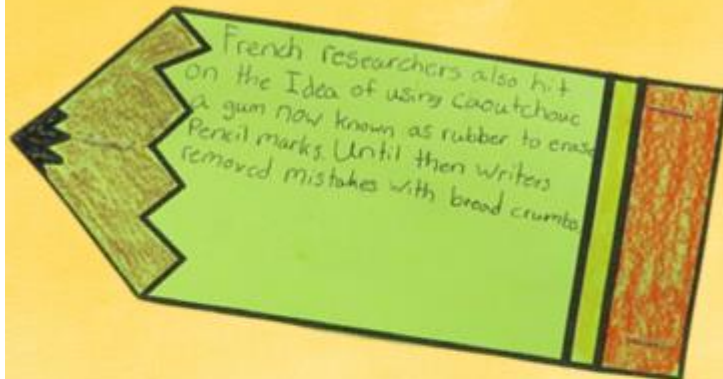


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Pencil Trivia



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Select a common object. Ideas are more fun to read when the wow factor can be added. This makes ordinary objects ideal. Some examples include...

Animals

Each student selects a different animal. Students write a sentence or two telling some unique characteristics of their animals. A fact may be...

- Sharks lay the biggest eggs in the world.
- Gorillas burp when they are happy.

Bread

- Bread was used as a plate during the Middle Ages.
- Sliced bread was banned in the U.S. in 1943 as a wartime conservation effort.

Pencils

The example photo in this post uses a pencil. Here are a few fun facts students wrote about pencils.

- On March 30, 1858, Hyman L. Lipman of Philadelphia patented the pencil with an eraser attached to the end. Before this bread crumbs were used as erasers.
- Pencils will write in zero gravity and underwater.
- The average pencil can be sharpened 17 times and can draw a line 35 miles long or write 45,000 words.
- More than 14 billion pencils are produced yearly. This is enough to circle Earth 62 times.
- The "lead" in pencils is actually a mixture of clay and graphite.
- Most pencils sold in the United States have erasers; whereas, most pencils sold in Europe are made without erasers.

Resources for Pencil Trivia

The pages that aren't linked have been removed from the internet.

This Day in History

[Little Known Pencil Facts](#)

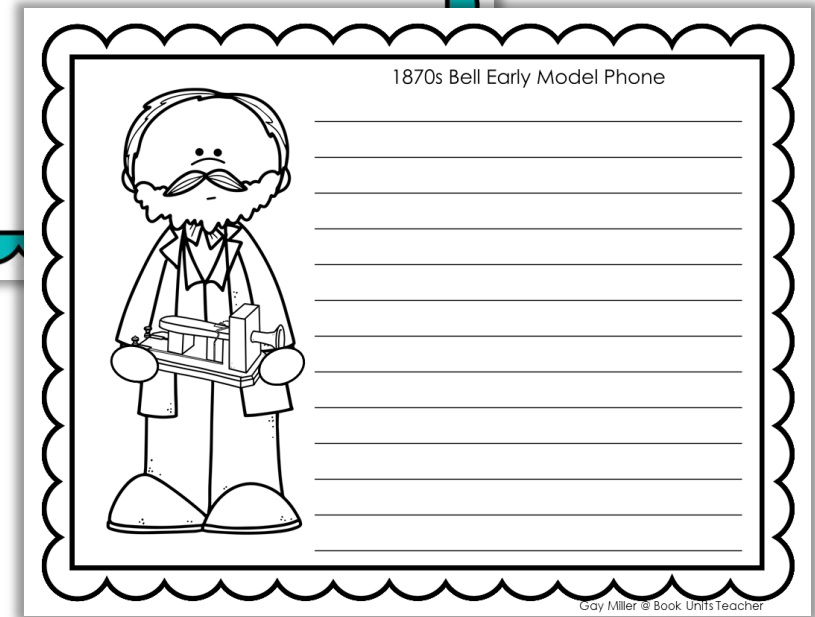
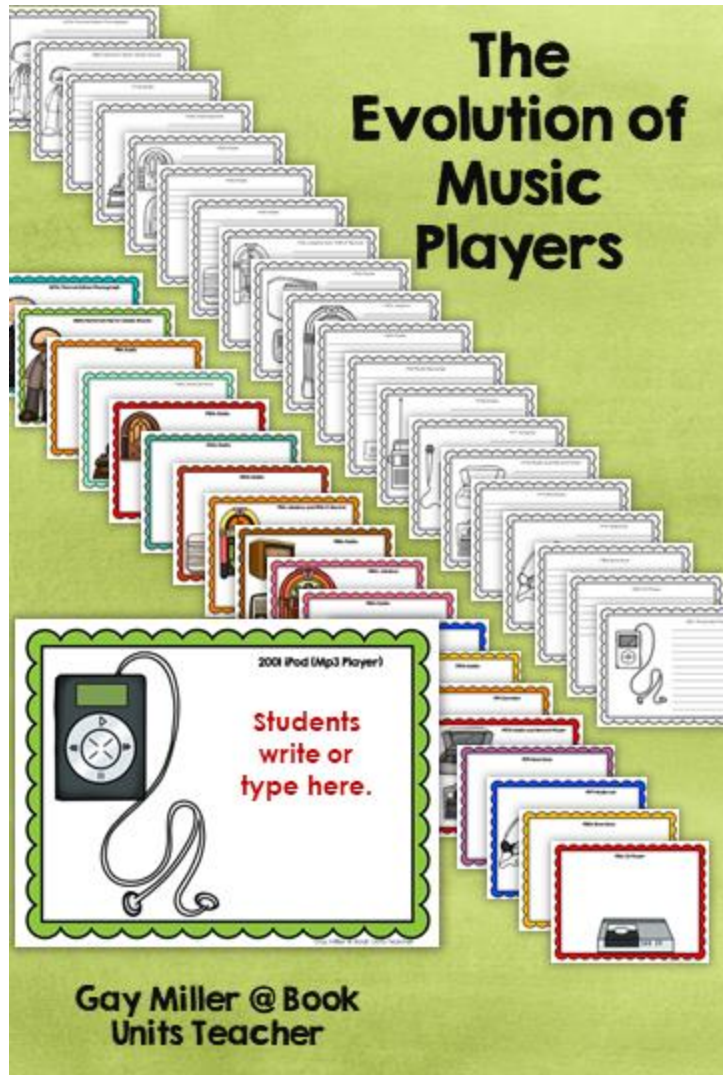
20 Things You Didn't Know about Pencils

[Interesting Facts about Pencils](#)

Other topics that work well for this project include the dollar bill, shoes, and tape.

The Evolution of

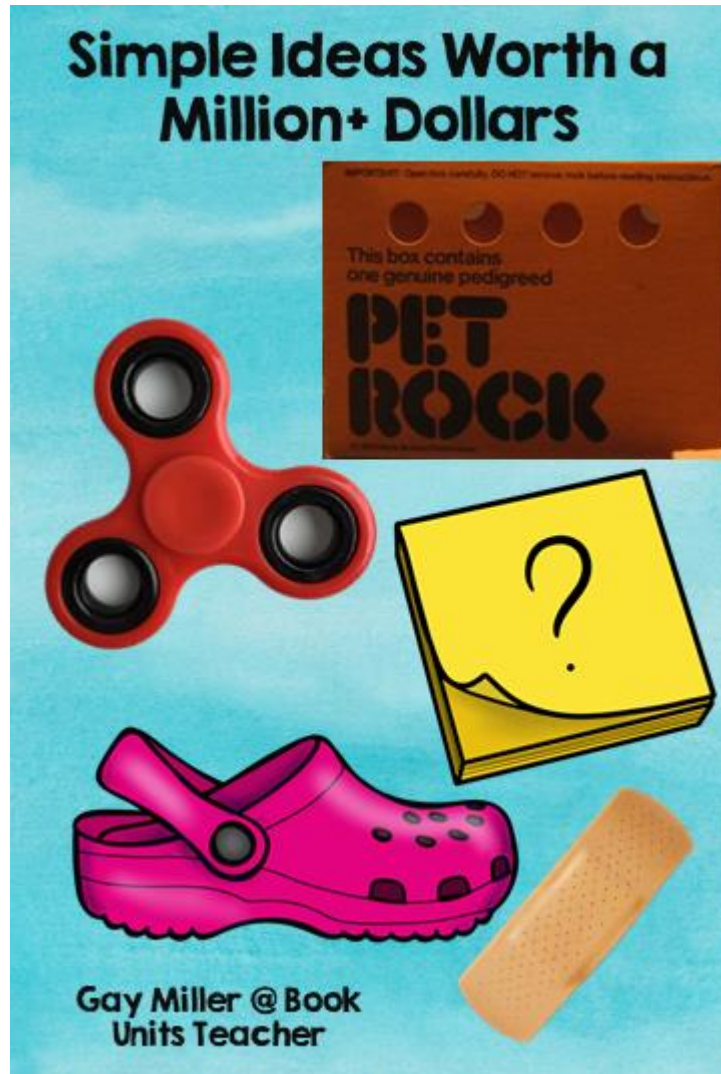
Get the handouts for this bulletin board writing project using the links below.



[The Evolution of the Telephone](#)

[The Evolution of the Camera](#)

[The Evolution of Music Players](#)



For this idea, students find ways people became rich on really simple inventions.

How fun is this? With just a little Google searching, students will learn about how Post-It Note and Scotch Tape made \$3.47 billion in 2009.

Are you old enough to remember Pet Rocks? In 1975, Gary Dahl came up with the idea of selling rocks for \$4.00 each. The estimated profit for this idea is \$15 million.

Scott Boilen came up with a brilliant advertising campaign to sell the Snuggie. The approach worked. The Snuggie has earned more than \$200 million.

Do you wish you invented fidget spinners, a \$500-million-dollar business?

The list goes on and on. After students write about simple ways people have become rich, you can extend this activity to include their ideas. How could they make a million dollars?

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Each student selects one fact and writes about it. The writing can be on a regular sheet of paper with a hand-drawn or computer-printed illustration. Students may also write facts on shapes. I've attached the pencil pattern to the end of this pdf.

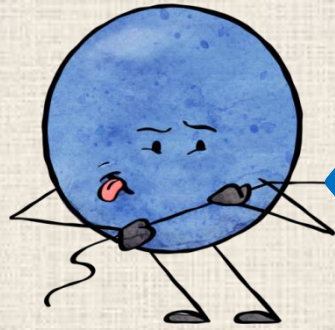
The shapes are scattered or full pieces of paper lined up on the bulletin board.

Board, a caption, and a teaching standard are added. In just a few minutes the new bulletin board is up and looks great.



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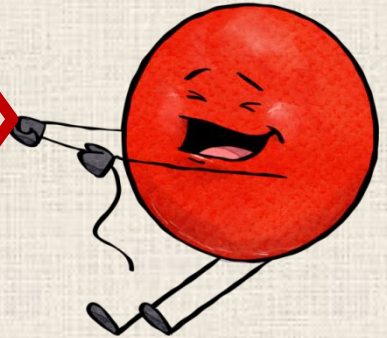




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