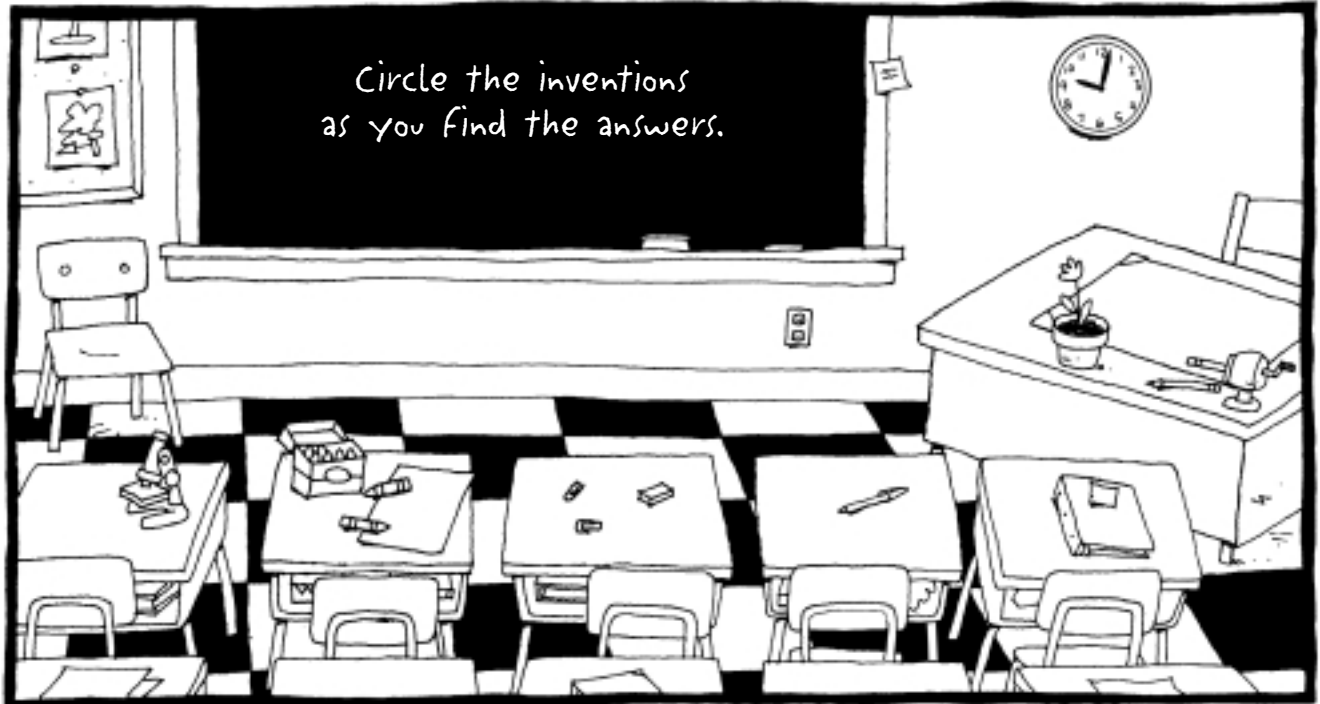




# CLASSROOM INVENTIONS

Look around your classroom and you will see many objects that have surprising histories! Learn all about these cool school tools online, starting at [www.scholastic.com/cyberhuntkids](http://www.scholastic.com/cyberhuntkids) Write your answers below or on a separate sheet.



- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ were invented in the late 1800s, after the development of thin steel wire and machines that could stretch, bend, and twist it. [www.alteich.com/tidbits/t110899.htm](http://www.alteich.com/tidbits/t110899.htm)
- 2 In the late 1500s, an eyeglasses maker invented the first \_\_\_\_\_. It consisted of one tube inside another, with a lens at each end. [www.enchantedlearning.com/inventors/1500.shtml](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/inventors/1500.shtml)
- 3 A \_\_\_\_\_ gets its name from the small rotating ball made out of brass, steel, or tungsten carbide that makes it work. <http://science.howstuffworks.com/question683.htm>
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_, invented in 1903, are made out of pigment and paraffin wax melted together in a mold, then quickly cooled. <http://science.howstuffworks.com/question563.htm>
- 5 In the 1700s, the first \_\_\_\_\_ was made out of natural rubber. Today, they are usually made out of a synthetic rubber compound or vinyl. [www.pencils.com](http://www.pencils.com)
- 6 A \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the oldest classroom inventions. Originally painted wood, they were later created from slate, a type of stone. [www.pbs.org/kcet/publicschool/evolving\\_classroom](http://www.pbs.org/kcet/publicschool/evolving_classroom)
- 7 The invention of \_\_\_\_\_ in 1980 finally put to good use a special “low-tack,” reusable adhesive that had been created years earlier, in 1968. <http://web.mit.edu/invent/iow/frysilver.html>
- 8 In 1897, the first simple \_\_\_\_\_ was invented. It was later followed by fancier models that used sandpaper, a wheel cutter, or a file to do the job. [www.tooltalk.org/articles/pencilsh.htm](http://www.tooltalk.org/articles/pencilsh.htm)