Let’s get creative at home!

Invention Convention

When we think about inventions made by historic figures, we sometimes overlook how important they are to our everyday lives. Inventions (such as the light bulb) can change the way people live. If you were to invent something new, what would it be? What problem would you try to address with your invention? This activity will use your imagination and critical thinking skills. Let’s get started!

What you will need:

- Sheets of paper
- Index cards or pieces of paper cut into smaller cards (see below)
- Writing and/or coloring utensils
- Blank paper (many sheets)
- Container or basket

Instructions:

1. Gather a few members of your household. This can be a single player challenge too!
2. Pass out a few sheets of paper and multiple cards to each participant.
3. Using the cards, have each participant write down different challenges that can be solved by creating a new invention. For example, a car that can fly and travel under water.
4. Once each participant has filled out a few cards, fold the cards in half and place them in the container or basket.
5. Shake the container or basket a few times to mix up the cards.
6. Have each participant draw a card from the basket.
7. Using a sheet of paper, have each participant try to draw an invention based on the challenge card they selected.
8. Decorate and/or color each drawing and share the results!

Extra Challenge:

With the help of an adult, try to conduct some research to see if there is an invention or prototype of an invention similar to the one you have created.

You can recycle this page by cutting and incorporating these cards into your activity.