

The Ohio Inventors Box

Activity: Inventor Trivia Challenge

Instructions and Inventor List

Instructions: (Using the two large blue foam dice included)

- 1. Break students into 5 manageable groups of 4 or 5.
- 2. Have a designated dice roller for each team.
- 3. Student will roll both dice, one will represent the chosen inventor and the other will represent the chosen question from the question list.
- 4. Teacher will ask the selected group the question that has been selected.
- 5. The team leading after three rounds will be declared the winner.
- 6. If the dice lands on a combination which has already been rolled, the group will need to roll again.

Inventor List:

- 1. Granville Woods
- 2. Charles Kettering
- 3. Garrett Morgan
- 4. Wright Brothers
- 5. Thomas Edison
- 6. Group choice of inventor



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Question Sheet to correspond with inventor list

Granville Woods (Number 1 Dice Roll)

- 1. How many patents does Granville Woods hold? (60)
- 2. What Ohio city did Granville Woods call home until his 10th birthday? (Columbus)
- 3. Most of Woods' inventions were to assist street cars or ______, another mode of transportation. (Trains or Railcars)
- 4. Woods' is often compared to what other Ohio inventor? (Edison)
- 5. In 1885, Woods' combined these two technologies two devices to create the Telegraphony. (telephone and telegraph)
- 6. What was Woods' highest level of completed education? (Elementary)

Charles Kettering (Number 2 Dice Roll)

- 1. He was head of research for this present day automobile manufacturer for 27 years (General Motors)
- 2. It is said that when he built his house in 1914, it was the first house with _____, that's cool! (air conditioning)
- Kettering was born in this Ohio city _____ (Loudonville)
 Kettering graduated from this Ohio college _____ (Ohio State University)
- 5. Kettering first struggled in school due to his poor ______ (eyesight)
- 6. Kettering has many ______ named after him due to his many contributions (Schools)

Garrett Morgan (Dice Roll 3)

- 1. Garrett Morgan was born in this state, just south of Ohio. _____ (Kentucky)
- 2. Morgan lived in two Ohio cities; both of them have major league baseball teams ______ ___ (Cleveland and Cincinnati)
- 3. What was Morgan's most recognized invention? (street or traffic light)
- 4. Morgan is also known for inventing ______ which is beneficial still today for coal miners and firefighters. (gas mask)
- 5. Morgan moved to Ohio at the early age of ______ to get a better education. (clue) he probably couldn't even drive yet in today's world) (14)
- 6. In 1909, Morgan opened up one for these shops, _____ _____that specialize in selling coats, shoes, dresses and performing alterations. (Tailoring Shop)



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Question Sheet to correspond with inventor list (page two)

Wright Brothers: Dice Roll 4

- 1. Name the two brothers names ______ and _____ (Orville and Wilbur)
- 2. The Air Force Base and museum in this Southwestern Ohio city is named after the two brothers (Dayton)
- 4. Multiple Choice: How long did Orville manage to stay in the air during his first flight on December 17, 1903
 - 12 seconds B. 15 seconds C. 59 seconds (12 seconds)
- 5. What did the Wright brothers call their plane which made the first flight in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina? (Wright flyer 1)
- 6. True or False, the Wright brothers graduated from high school and college (False, they didn't attend either. They were both home schooled.)

Thomas Edison: Dice Roll 5

- 1. What was Thomas Edison's middle name? _____(Alva)
- 2. This small northern Ohio city is the birthplace of Thomas Edison _____ (Milan, Ohio)
- 3. This is the most popular invention that Edison is known for ______ (light bulb)
- 4. Edison is known by this famous nickname: _____(The wizard of Menlo park)
- 5. True or False, Edison held over 1,000 patents? (True, 1093)
- 6. True or False, Edison lived to be over 80 years old? (True, 84)