Ideas We Still Use

Inventors from France and Japan changed everyday life.

2.C.4.9 "Examine how inventors from other nations and other times made a difference in the way people live today (e.g., Leonardo da Vinci, Marie Curie, Louis Braille, Albert Einstein)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that name each invention, and circle a sentence that tells how people use each invention today.

Two Ideas That Lasted

1. Long ago in France, Louis Braille lost his sight as a child. He made a way to read with small, raised dots. Today, many people who cannot see print read books by feeling Braille dots with their fingers.

2. In Japan, Momofuku Ando wanted a meal people could make fast. In 1958, he invented instant noodles that people could cook with hot water. Today, people in many places eat instant noodles when they need a quick meal.

3. A child might feel raised dots on a page. A family might pour hot water over instant noodles. Both everyday acts began with ideas from inventors who lived in other countries years ago.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did Louis Braille's idea change reading for people who cannot see print?

2. How did Momofuku Ando's invention change the way people make a meal?

3. How do these two inventors' ideas help people in different ways today?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one inventor from the passage. Write two sentences about a person today who needs that inventor's idea. Tell what the person does and how the idea helps.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words that name each invention, and circle a sentence that tells how people use each invention today. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Louis Braille's idea change reading for people who cannot see print?	**They can read by feeling raised Braille dots with their fingers.**
2	How did Momofuku Ando's invention change the way people make a meal?	**People can make instant noodles quickly with hot water.**
3	How do these two inventors' ideas help people in different ways today?	**Braille's idea helps people read. Ando's invention helps people make a quick meal.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Mina wants to read a story, but she cannot see the print. She feels Braille dots with her fingers so she can read the story herself.

Accept a new, believable situation that shows how either Braille's reading system or Ando's instant noodles help someone today.