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## Eli Whitney's Invention Activity

Cotton is a big part of agriculture in Texas. Though, for a long time the small seeds in cotton bolls had to be removed by hand which was a very slow and often painful process. **Eli Whitney** knew there had to be an easier way to remove the cotton seeds so he invented the **cotton gin** in **1793**. His invention worked so well that variations of his cotton gin are still used today! Can you come up with your own invention to solve a problem? Use the prompts below to inspire you!

My invention is called:

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My invention solves this problem:

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What supplies do I need?

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What does my invention do?

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This is what my invention looks like: