



# Second Story Tours

## Newsletter

September 2023



Welcome back! It's a new school year and we are so excited to get back to work helping educators plan exciting trips to Philly!

Thinking about a fall field trip? Fall is an amazing time to visit Philly. Dates are still available for our fall tours.

Visiting in Spring 2024 instead? Ask about our Early Bird Pricing if you book before November 30. [Click here to request more information.](#)

Don't know where to start? [Click here to download our free Field Trip Planner](#) specially made for educators!

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## Back-to-School Trivia

In 1858, Hymen Lipman of Philadelphia filed the first patent for what important school supply?

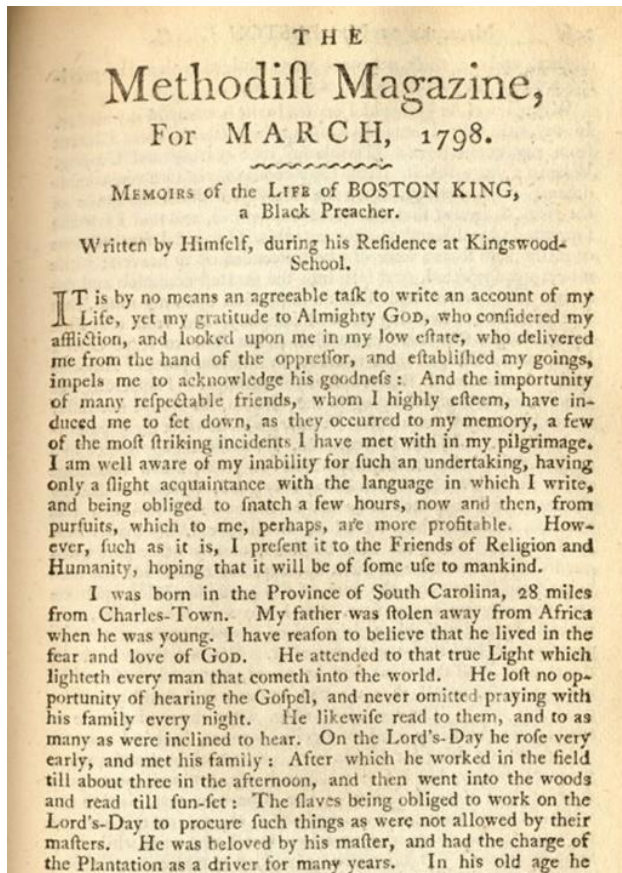
- A. The Post-It note
- B. The paperclip
- C. The pencil with eraser on the end
- D. The rubber band

Scroll to the bottom to find the answer



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## Free Resource for Your Classroom



Second Story Tours specializes in telling the stories of everyday people in the American Revolution. But your students can continue to learn about the people of the Revolution after the tour is over!

With every booking, we provide free educational materials that cover 15 different people of the Revolution, written by teachers for teachers. Our extensive educational materials (over 80 pages) cover how to interpret primary sources, vocabulary words, activities for the classroom and more.

[Click here to download free educational materials about African-American loyalist, Boston King.](#)

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## First Amendment Gallery Opens at National Constitution Center

On September 6, the [National Constitution Center](#) opened a new gallery dedicated to the [First Amendment](#). "Protecting some of our most cherished freedoms—religious liberty, free speech, a free press, the freedom of assembly, and the right to petition—the First Amendment is a pillar of democracy."

Ask us how to add the National Constitution Center to your field trip!



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## Get the *Second Story* at Historic Hope Lodge



We are so excited to announce that Second Story Tours has partnered with Historic Hope Lodge in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania to provide our signature-brand of fun, interactive tours of the historic Georgian mansion! We will be giving one-hour tours every Sunday at 1:00 PM and 2:30 PM from September 17 through October 29.

[Contact us to learn more about Historic Hope Lodge.](#)

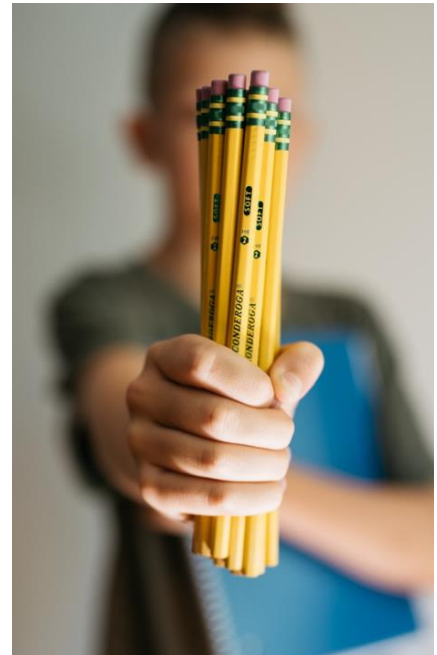
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## Back-to-School Trivia - ANSWER

Pencils with erasers on the end!

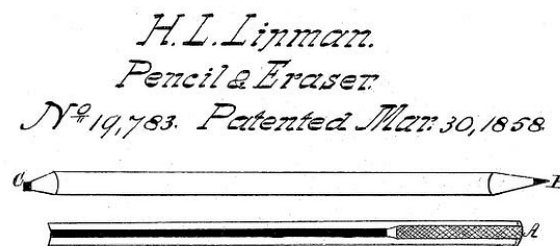
Wooden pencils with graphite - the "lead" in a pencil that makes the marks - have been used to draw and write for centuries.

But the modern pencil as we know it didn't come about until the mid-19th century. On March 30, 1858, Hymen Lipman of Philadelphia filed the first patent for a pencil with an eraser on the end. Later, the Supreme Court invalidated his invention, stating that his invention was just two known things stuck together, and not something new. Because the patent was invalidated, other companies stole the idea, and Hymen missed out on thousands of dollars in royalties for his amazing invention.



## Did You Know?

National Pencil Day is March 30, the day Hymen Lipman filed his patent!



Hymen Lipman patent drawing, 1858 - Public Domain

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*Everyone makes mistakes.  
That's why pencils have erasers.*

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## Get in Touch!



We love hearing from you! Tell us what's on your mind!

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