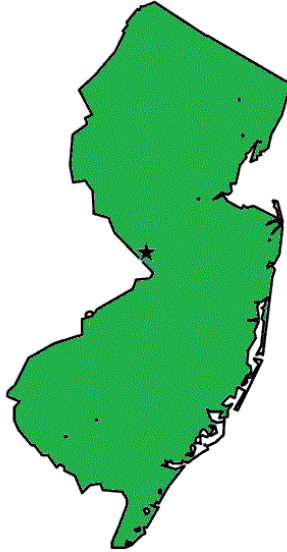


# New Jersey Inventors and Inventions Unit



Understanding

Invention vs. Discovery

**Objective:** Today we will differentiate between a discovery and an invention

Before we start, let's think...

What is an invention?

Why do people invent things?

What do we know about inventions?

What are some inventions we use often?

# Vocabulary

discovery

invention

inventor

efficient

innovation

artifact

exhibit

Let's sort the words below into these two categories.

**invention**

**discovery**

telephone

dinosaur bones

penicillin

computer

electricity

diamonds

light bulb

car

machine

gravity

How did you do?

## **invention**

telephone

computer

light bulb

car

machine

## **discovery**

dinosaur bones

diamonds

gravity

penicillin

electricity

# What is an invention?

An invention is something brand new or created.

# What is a discovery?

A discovery is something that already exists in nature.