



African American Inventors and Inventions

Name _____

DIRECTIONS: Use the resource below to learn about inventions created by African Americans. Use the information to help you decide whether each statement on the page is true or false. Circle *true* if the statement is true. Circle *false* if the statement is false.

1. An improvement to the fire extinguisher was invented in 1872. True False
2. Elijah McCoy invented the lubricator for steam engines. True False
3. The overhead conducting system for electric railway was invented after 1900. True False
4. Granville Woods developed air brakes. True False
5. Robert Rillieux developed a process for refining corn. True False
6. J. L. Love invented a device you might have in your classroom. True False
7. Henry Blair invented two devices that might have been used on a farm. True False
8. The lawn mower was invented before the umbrella stand. True False
9. The ironing board was invented by an African American woman. True False
10. The fountain pen was invented by W. B. Purvis. True False