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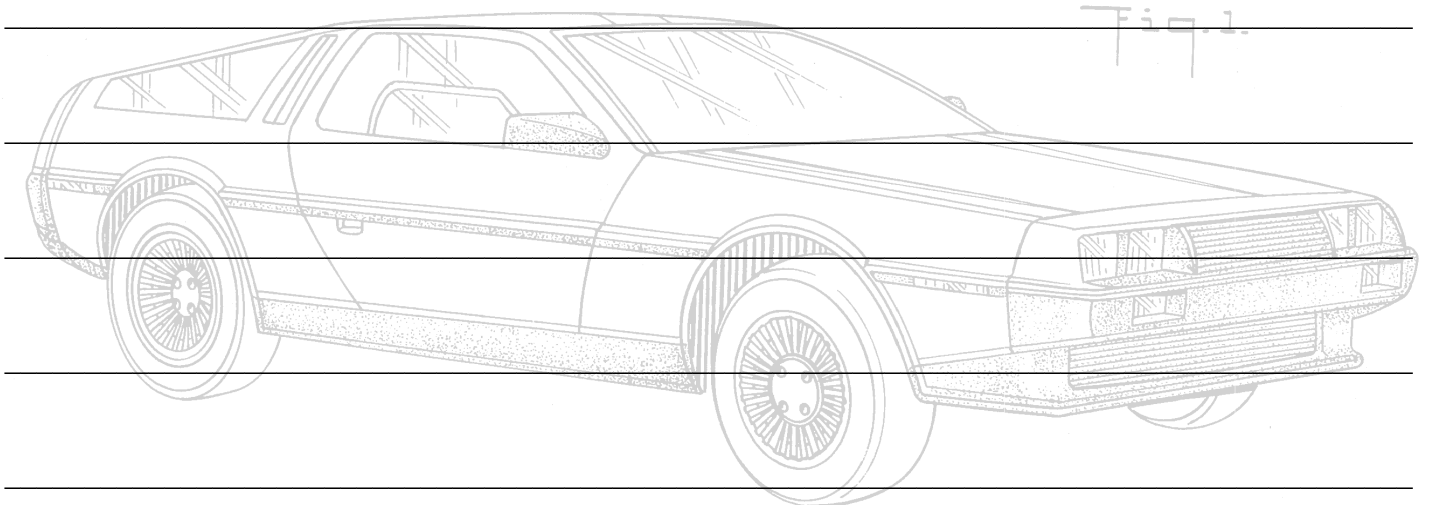
**This Inventor's Notebook
Belongs to:**

I MAGINE



What is your invention?

What problem does it solve?

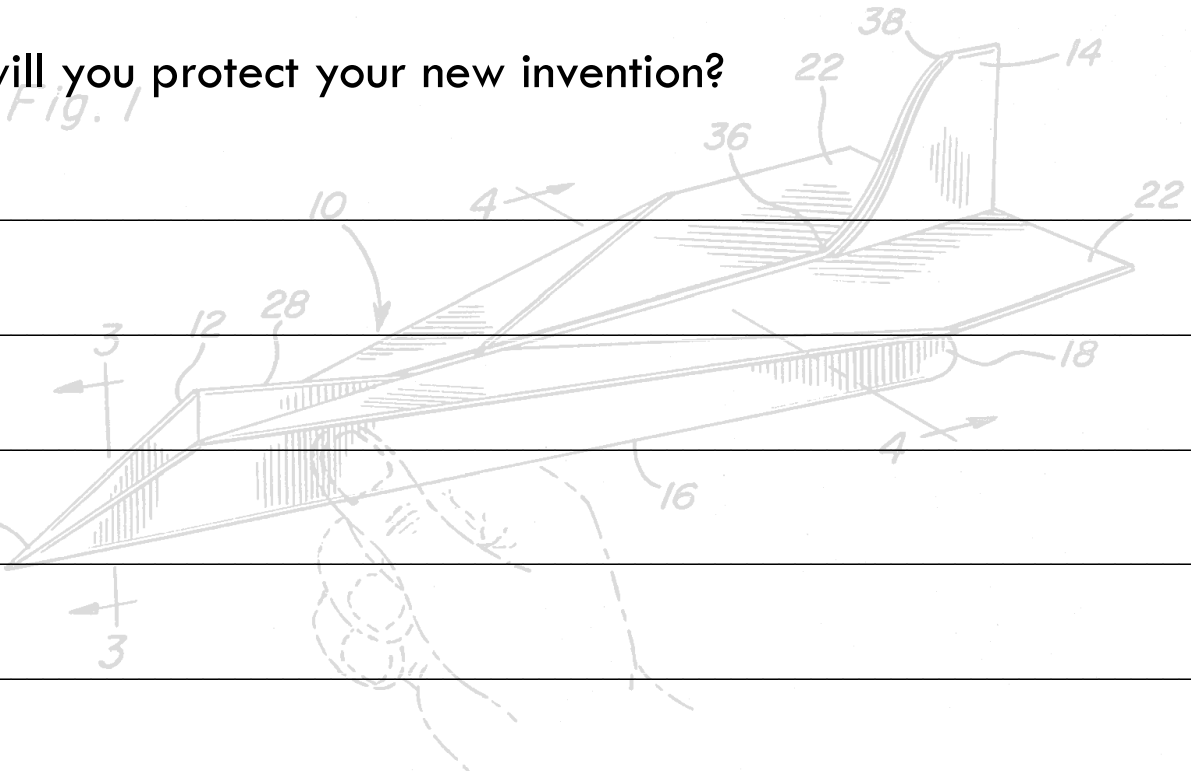


INVENT



Is your invention new?

How will you protect your new invention?



Did you conduct a patent search using www.uspto.gov/patents or another on-line database?

Did you find any patents for inventions similar to your invention? If so, list the patent #s:

DID YOU KNOW... IP protection is in the Constitution. Article 1, Section 8, Clause 8 - The Congress shall have the power... to promote the progress of science and useful arts by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries.

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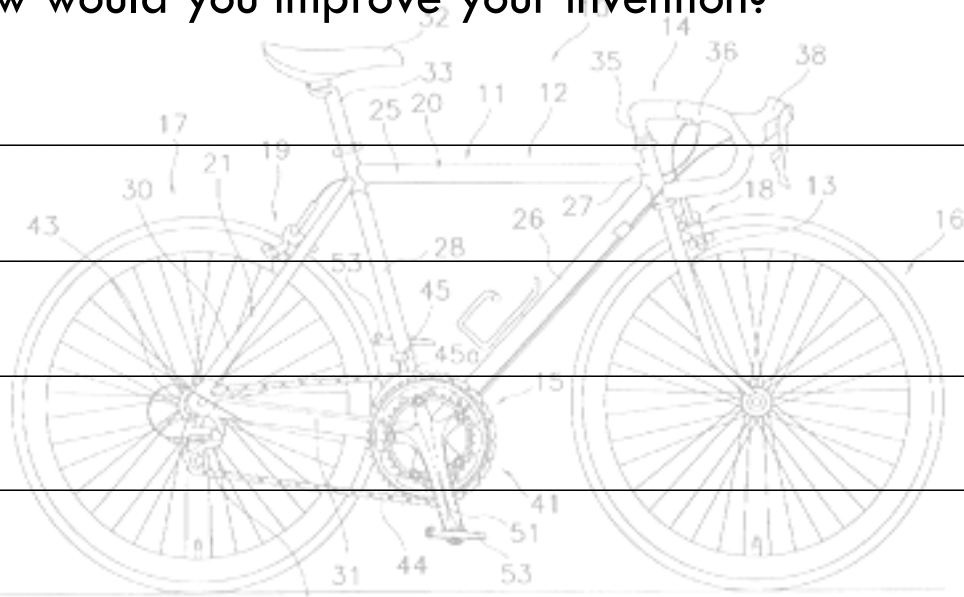
DID YOU KNOW... The first U.S. patent was issued in 1790 for a process of making potash, an ingredient used in fertilizer. Since that time the USPTO has issued over 10 million patents.

I **MPROVE**



Is your invention an improvement on an existing product or service?

If your invention is not an improvement on an existing product or service, how would you improve your invention?



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Fig. 1

Do you have a prototype?

Make a prototype of your invention using available resources or materials (e.g., paper, cardboard, tape, recyclables, 3-D printers, computer-aided design (CAD), Maker spaces, TechLabs, etc.)

DID YOU KNOW... The USPTO has four regional offices throughout the United States: San Jose, CA; Denver, CO; Dallas, TX; and Detroit, MI. The USPTO headquarters is in Alexandria, VA.

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DID YOU KNOW... Patents grant inventors the right to exclude others from making, using, selling, or offering for sale their claimed invention for a limited period of time. (Utility patents for 20 years from date of file; Design patents for 15 years from date of issuance).

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How will your invention change the world?

Is your invention marketable?

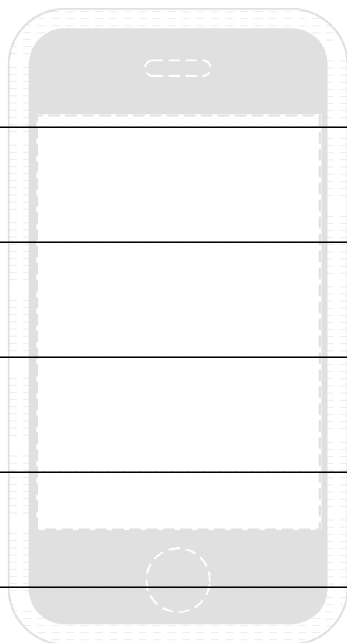


FIG. 3



FIG. 4

Create a catchy jingle for your invention.

How/Where will you advertise your invention? Will you have a commercial?

DID YOU KNOW... Unlike copyrights and patents, trademark rights can last indefinitely if the registration is properly maintained and the mark is continually used in commerce to identify and distinguish the source of the goods and services.



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