

Coding Nonfiction Text: The History of Crayons

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Part 1: Code the Text

Read the nonfiction text and make at least 3 marks in the margins based on the codes. Use the codes to the right as you read and think about the text.

- ✓ I know that
- ? Question, unsure
- ! New info to me
- * Important

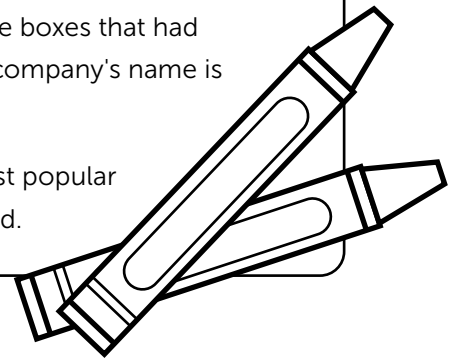
Answers will vary, but may include:

Imagine a world without crayons. What would you use to color? What school supplies would you bring to your classroom?

Crayons are made of colored wax. They have been made this way for thousands of years. They were not in the same shape we use these days, though. People in Europe and the United States worked to improve the crayon.

!! In 1903, Binney and Smith created the crayons we use today. They made boxes that had different colors. These became very popular in the United States. The company's name is Crayola.

There are many other companies that make crayons. Crayola is the most popular brand. These tools are important in homes and schools across the world.



Part 2: Comprehension

Answer the following questions by writing complete sentences.

1. What are crayons made of?

Crayons are made of colored wax.

2. What is the name of the most popular crayon company in the United States?

Crayola is the most popular crayon company in the United States.

3. Where are crayons important?

Crayons are important in homes and schools all around the world.

4. How long have crayons been made with wax?

Crayons have been made with wax for thousands of years.