



Innovation Nation

After watching the *JA Our Nation* Lesson 2 volunteer video session, use your creativity and innovation skills to improve a product you use every day.

Materials

- A household product
- Paper and pencil

Activity

Check off the boxes as you finish your work.

- Find a product you use every day. It could be a hairbrush, toothpaste, fork—anything simple.
- Examine it and make a sketch of your product. Write down the name of the product and what it is used for.
- Think of at least three other (unusual) ways to use that product and list them.
- Now really put your thinking cap on and innovate improvements for the product. The improved product could be for the original use or one of the other uses.
 - Draw a diagram or sketch showing the features of the product.
 - Give it an interesting and catchy name.
 - Price your product.
 - Write about how your new invention will improve the lives of the people who use it.
 - Share your product sketch with someone and see if you can convince them to buy your spectacular new product.
- Research an innovator or entrepreneur who invented something that improved people's lives. Look up a product that you like to use and find out who invented it.
- Write a paragraph about that person and his or her invention. Tell the name of the invention, what it is used for, when it was invented, how the person got the idea.