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SEWING MACHINE

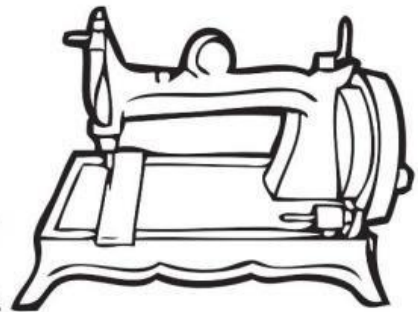
A long time ago people had to sew clothes by hand. They had to make pants by hand. They had to make shoes by hand. There were no machines to make the work go faster.

In 1830, a man had an idea. His name was Barthelemy. He lived in France. He wanted to make a machine that could sew faster than a person could sew by hand.

He made one that would work. It had a needle and thread that went up and down. The cloth stayed together. He could make clothes faster.

Other people who made clothes were angry. They burned his shop to the ground. They did not like it that he made a new machine. They were scared he would make all the money.

Two men made new machines. Elias Howe made a machine. Isaac Singer made a machine. They all could sew. Isaac's was the best. It is still a great sewing machine today. It is called the Singer® Sewing machine.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. How has sewing changed?
 - a. Today we sew by hand. All of the machines do not work.
 - b. Today we sew with machines. They used to sew by hand.
 - c. We sew with machines. They all sewed with machines.
 - d. Today we do not sew at all. They did not sew.
2. Which sentence is **FALSE**?
 - a. Elias made the best sewing machine.
 - b. The Singer machine was made by Isaac Singer.
 - c. Sewing machines made sewing go faster.
 - d. Barthelemy made the first sewing machine.
3. Tell what kind of sentence this is: They had to make pants by hand.
 - a. none of these
 - b. exclamatory
 - c. interrogative
 - d. declarative