

Creative Fun with History!

Rhyme Time:

Brrrrring - Bell **Or, Alexander Graham Bell and the Invention of the Telephone**

One of the most amazing inventions of the 1800s was the telephone. Alexander Graham Bell, in his search for a means to aid the deaf, came upon various principles that made him think it would be possible for electricity to carry the sound of human voices. His experiments resulted in the invention of the telephone. Can you imagine what it would be like to not have telephones? It makes us thankful to think of the hard work done by Alexander Graham Bell!

Sitting in a circle, everyone claps slowly and rhythmically.

One - Two - Three - Four (*over and over, but don't count: only clap*)

The first player then says in rhythm with the clapping:

"Brrrrring - Bell."

Then the person to their right rhymes the last word (in rhythm with the clapping):

"Brrrrring - Yell." (*Any word may be used that rhymes with "bell."*)

Then, if successful in making the rhyme in time, the second person starts a new rhyme:

"Brrrrring - Phone." (*for instance*)

Then the person to their right rhymes the last word (in rhythm with the clapping):

"Brrrrring - Zone." (*Any word may be used that rhymes with "phone."*)

If the second player is not successful in making the rhyme in time, the first player says the rhyme again (in rhythm):

"Brrrrring - Bell."

Now, skipping over the person to the immediate right, play passes to the next person in line, who must respond with a rhyme.

Play continues around the circle until everyone has successfully rhymed some words.

A few telephone words to get you started rhyming:

bell	ring	friend	set	call	far	cord
phone	talk	sound	wire	dial	speak	tone