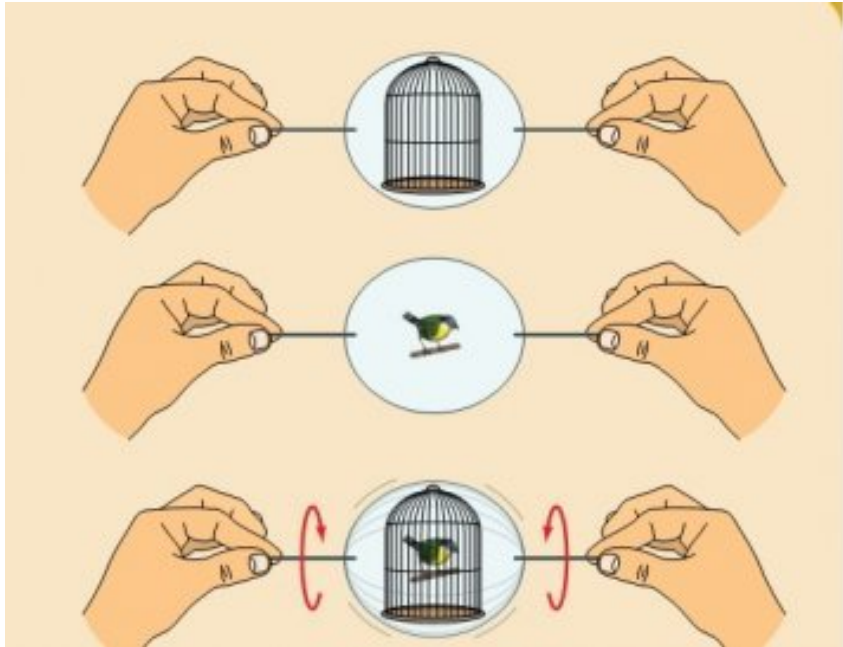


Toys Through Time – Thaumatrope



There are many ‘magic’ toys that fool your eyes. These illusionary and optical toys include, spinning tops, zoetropes and **thaumatropes**.

A thaumatrope is an optical toy that was popular in the **19th century**. A disk with a picture on each side is attached to two pieces of string. When the strings are twirled quickly between the fingers the two pictures appear to blend into one due to the persistence of vision.

Key Vocabulary

19th century	The period of time that began on January 1, 1801, and ended on December 31, 1900.
chronology	Putting events in date order.
modern	Relating to the present or recent times.
old	Belonging to the past.
past	A period of time when something has already happened.
present	A period of time that is happening now.
thaumatrope	A Victorian toy made from a simple disk or card featuring a different picture on each side and attached to two pieces of string.
Victorian	The time of Queen Victoria’s reign. 1837-1901.

Old Toys

Can you name any old toys?



rocking horse



ragdoll



train set



tin robot



doll's house



toy soldiers



teddy bear



pull-along toy



marbles



spinning top



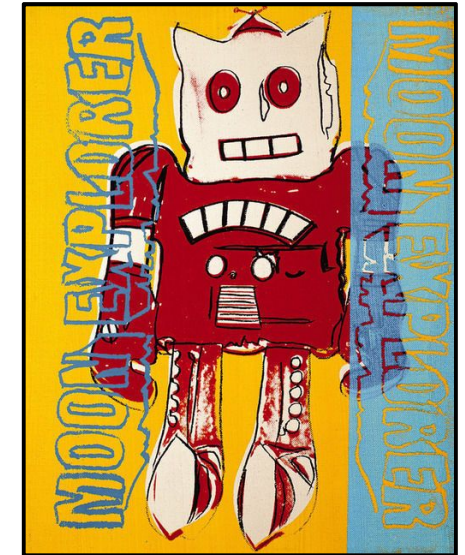
roly-poly toy

Brueghel's Children's Games





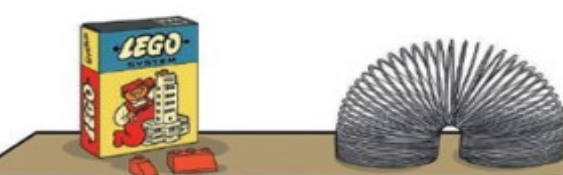






This painting is by Pieter Brueghel and was created in 1560. The children in the painting roll hoops, walk on stilts, spin hoops, play leap-frog, perform handstands and play with dolls and other toys.

Andy Warhol's Toys



Timeline of Toys

 <p>1800s - Rich family Children from rich families played with train sets, tea sets, dolls and toy soldiers.</p>	 <p>1800s - Poor family Children from poor families played with homemade toys such as ragdolls and wooden boats.</p>	 <p>1902 In Germany, Richard Steiff based one of his toy designs on a bear he saw at the zoo. In 1902, the Steiff Company started making teddy bears.</p>	 <p>1903 Binney and Smith made a set of 8 wax crayons in 1903. Binney's wife named them Crayola.</p>	<p>1907 The name Meccano was introduced and the first Meccano factory opened in Liverpool.</p>	
 <p>1934 - 1949 Ole Kirk Christiansen called his toy company 'Lego' in 1939. The plastic blocks were made in 1949.</p>	<p>1943 Richard James invented the slinky in 1943. It performed tricks such as walking down the stairs.</p>	 <p>1959 Ruth Handler invented the Barbie doll in 1959. She named the doll after her daughter, Barbara.</p>	 <p>1959 The Etch a Sketch was invented by André Cassagnes in 1959 and was introduced in the 1960s.</p>	 <p>1983 Chris Wiggs invented Polly Pocket for his daughter in 1983. They first appeared in shops in 1989.</p>	 <p>1989 The first Game Boy was developed by Nintendo and was released in Japan in 1989.</p>