



Writing—Then and Now

Imagine doing your homework or writing a story without a laptop or a ballpoint pen! In Mary Baker Eddy's day, a pen by itself wouldn't take you very far. You needed an inkwell, which is a container of black or blue ink, to go with it. You had to dip the pen into the well before you could start writing. If you weren't paying attention, you could end up with a blob of ink on your paper or even with blue fingers! But with careful dipping, you could write a letter, or a poem, or even a book.



Name a few ways these tools for writing are the **same** as the tools we use today.



Name a few ways the tools we use today are **different** from the pens and ink of Mrs. Eddy's day. Hint: Think about the ways we correct mistakes!



This is one of the pens that Mary Baker Eddy used to write *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. Its tip, which is called a nib, is made of gold. The handle, or shaft, is made of ivory, and the gold around its neck is engraved with a pattern. If you visit Mrs. Eddy's house at 8 Broad Street in Lynn, Massachusetts, you can see it in the main exhibit.