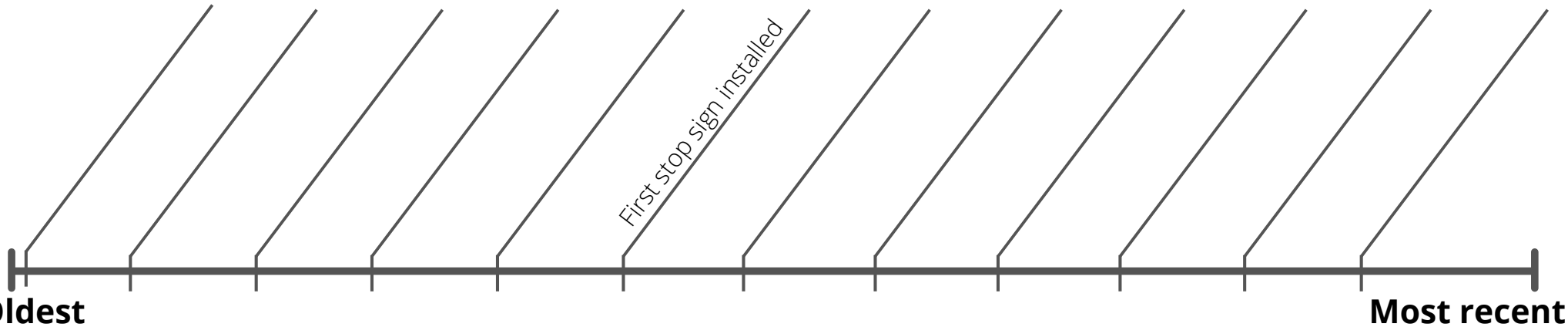


# Automobile Timeline

Many of the features that make cars safer and easier to use did not exist until decades after the car was invented. Using the timeline below, place the automobile milestones in order from oldest to most recent. Tip: use a pencil!



First rear view mirror



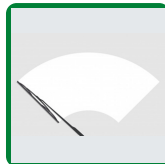
First state-issued driver's licenses



First stop sign installed



First state-issued license plate



Windshield wipers are invented



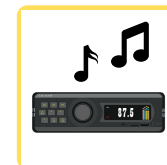
First stoplight installed



First drive-in full service gas station



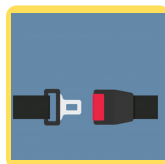
First car heater



First car radio



First car air conditioning



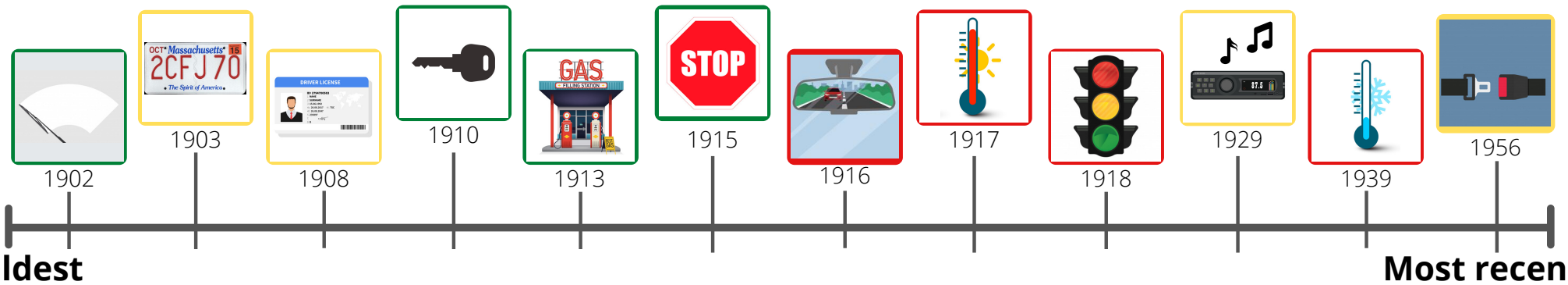
First seatbelts installed in cars



First car key

# Timeline Answer Key

Check your answers using the key below. What did you get right? What did you get wrong? Did any of the answers surprise you? Read on to learn more about each of the automobile milestones listed in the timeline.



**1902-** Windshield wipers were invented by Mary Anderson. She got the idea while riding a streetcar while it was raining.



**1913-** The first full service gas station was located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



**1918-** The first stop light was installed in New York City. It was only red and green, and was hand operated.



**1903-** The first state-issued license plates were issued by the state of Massachusetts.



**1915-** The first known stop sign was installed in Detroit, Michigan. It was a white square with black lettering.



**1929-** The first car radios could only be listened to if the car was parked.



**1908-** Rhode Island was the first state to issue driver's licenses.



**1916-** Rear view mirrors were widely used for the first time in 1916, but they appeared in racecars a few years earlier.



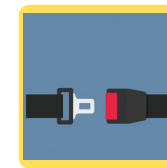
**1939-** Packard was the first car company to offer air conditioning in its cars.



**1910-** The first car key was used only to lock the ignition. Keys were not used to start cars until the 1940's.



**1917-** The first car heaters were called "heater boxes."



**1956-** Seatbelts were first installed in cars in 1956, but were not legally required in the U.S. until 1966.