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# The Game Evolved

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## Elaborate

1. The paddle design in the 14th century is similar to the racket we use today. What were the strengths of this design? What were the weaknesses of this design?
  
2. What changes were made to the tennis ball over time?
  
3. What do you believe was Wingfield's most important contribution to the game of tennis?
  
4. Why is the introduction of graphite considered one of the biggest breakthroughs in the equipment of tennis?
  
5. What do you think will be the next big change to the game of tennis?

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Describe how each ball would behave using some or all of the options provided. Think about the distances and bounce-ability of each racket and ball type.

Options	Tennis Ball	Golf Ball	Softball	Baseball
Tennis Racket				
Badminton Racket				

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Options	Tennis Ball	Golf Ball	Softball	Baseball
Ping Pong Paddle				
Baseball / Softball Bat				
Bottom of Your shoe				
Other				

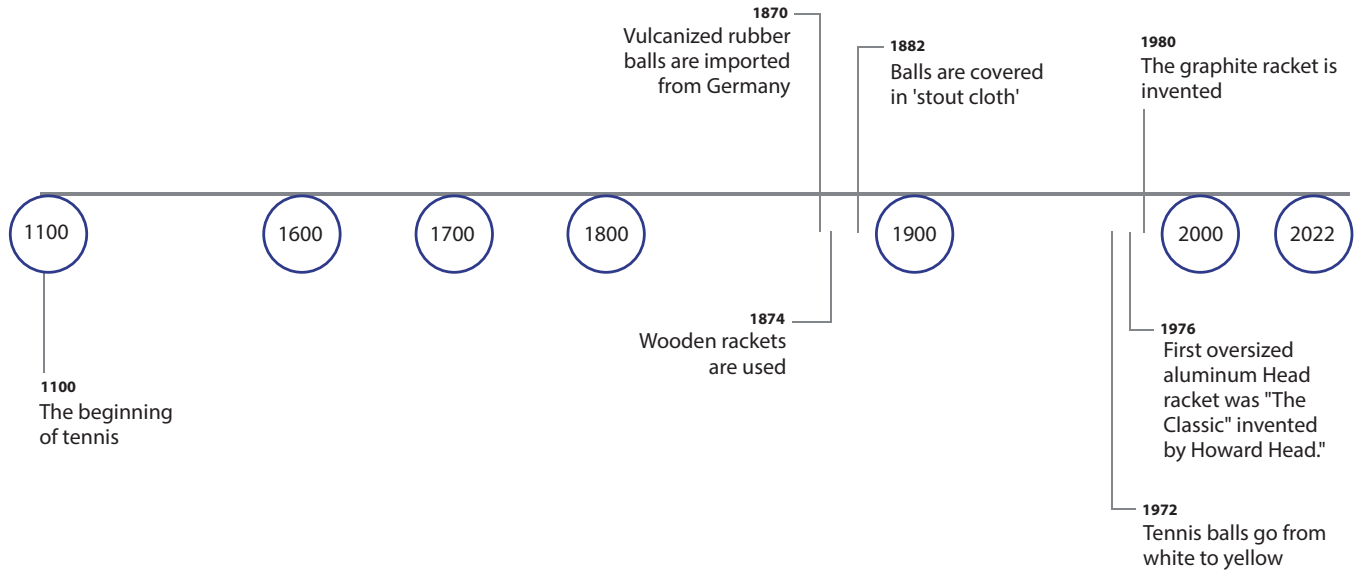
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## Evaluate

Review the timeline below of the evolution of the tennis racket and ball.



Pros for using different rackets/balls as a tennis racket	Cons for using different rackets/balls as a tennis racket
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