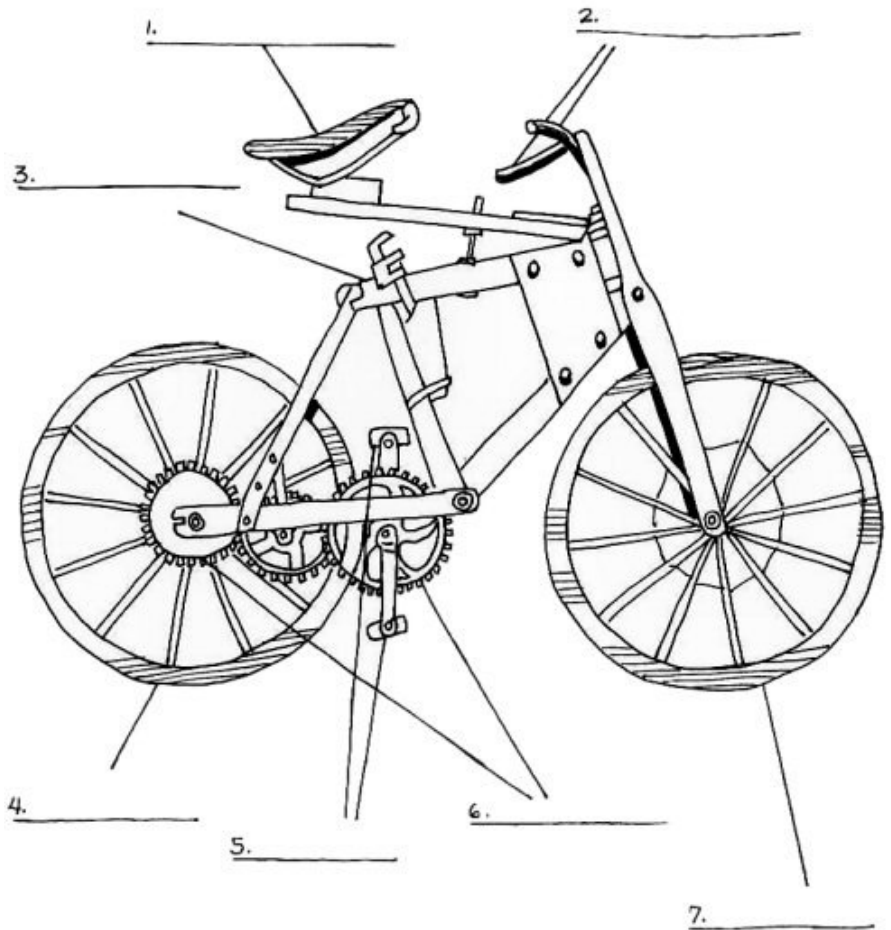


## Bicycles of the Past



Here are two bicycles that were popular over 100 years ago.

The **High Wheel Bicycle** (right) was introduced in 1870. The front wheel was very large so a greater distance could be covered in one turn of the pedals. You would buy a bicycle with a wheel as big as your legs would allow. These high wheelers were the first to be called bicycles (which really means two wheels). These bicycles were very popular in the 1880s and were also very expensive.

**The Safety Bicycle** (left) had many features that were better than the high wheelers. The wheels were the same size and the seat was in the center of the wheels. Both these things made these bikes “safer”, thus the name. The bike in the picture has no chain. It is driven by gears instead. Modern bikes look very much like this early safety bicycle which was made popular in the 1890s.

**Activity:** Name the parts of this bicycle using the word bank below.

**Pedals      Handle Bars      Saddle      Gears      Wheel      Frame      Tire**

How is the safety bike like modern bikes? How is it different?