

Thomas Edison:

the man who invented the future!

Reading Comprehension

1. According to the text, name 3 things that Edison invented.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. Look at paragraph 1. What does the word 'influential' tell you about Edison?

3. Look at paragraph 1. What word tells the reader that effect of the light bulb invention was impressive?

4. Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a fact or an opinion.

	fact	opinion
Edison's achievements were impressive.		
Edison's mother was an excellent teacher.		
The invention factory was in Menlo Park.		
Edison died in 1931.		

5. Complete the table by listing two people, other than Edison, who are mentioned in the biography and what they did.

Person	What they did
1. _____	_____ _____
2. _____	_____ _____

6. Number the facts from 1–6 in the order in which they happened. The first one has been done for you.

- Edison was born in 1947 1
- Edison set up the invention factory.
- Edison invented a light bulb.
- Edison was chosen to be a member of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans
- Edison was taken out of his school by his mother.
- Edison invented the phonograph.

7. Look at the final paragraph. Tick the word closest in meaning to 'eminent' as it is used in the text.

- passionate
- respected
- intelligent
- unrelenting

8. Look at the paragraph starting 'Before he died..' Find and copy the word closest in meaning to 'suitably'.

9. Explain why, using evidence, Nancy Edison chose to home school her son instead of sending him to school.

10. Explain why, using evidence, it is surprising that Edison was so successful.

11. What impression do you get of Nancy Edison from the text? Explain why.
