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Chapter

1

Social Studies



**History and
Geography**

Unit

01

Thanks, Thomas Edison



Reading Focus

- What is an inventor?
- What does an inventor do?
- How do inventors help us?





Before You Read



Key Words

Famous Inventions



light bulb



phonograph



motion picture camera



telephone



airplane

Famous Inventors



Thomas Edison



Alexander Graham Bell



Orville and Wilbur Wright
(the Wright brothers)



Power Verbs



turn on

Turn **on** the light.



turn off

Turn **off** the light.



be born

He **was born** in America.



grow up

He **grew up** in the country.



invent

He **invented** the light bulb.



Word Families: Adjectives for Invention

Inventor



curious

a **curious** boy



famous

a **famous** inventor

Invention



fast

a **fast** airplane



convenient

a **convenient** telephone



Thanks, Thomas Edison

02

We turn on a light when it's dark.
Do you know who made the electric light?
It was Thomas Edison.



▲ Thomas Edison was a famous inventor.

Thomas Edison was a famous inventor.
He was born in 1847 in America.
He was a very curious boy.
He always asked questions. "Why?" "Why is that?"
When he grew up, he became an inventor.

An inventor makes new things.
We call these new things inventions.



▲ An inventor makes new things.

Thomas Edison made many inventions.

He invented the electric light bulb.
Thanks to electric lights, we can see at night.

He invented the phonograph.
Thanks to him, we can listen to music with a stereo.

He invented the motion picture camera.
Thanks to him, we can see movies.

Thomas Edison also invented many other things.
He made more than 1,000 inventions!
His inventions made our lives more convenient.



▲ Thanks to electric lights, we can see at night.

There are many other inventions in the world.
Inventions make our work easier and faster.
Do you know some of them?

- The telephone and computer make our work easier and faster.



Check Understanding

1 Which type of invention does each picture show?



2 What question did Thomas Edison always ask?

- a** Where? **b** Why? **c** Who?

3 How does the electric light help us?

- a** We can see at night. **b** We can listen to music.
c We can see movies.

4 Thomas Edison invented the _____ so we can listen to music with a stereo.

- a** light bulb **b** phonograph
c motion picture camera

• Answer the questions below.

1 What does an inventor do?

⇒ An inventor makes _____.

2 How did Thomas Edison's inventions help our lives?

⇒ His inventions made our lives _____.

Vocabulary and Grammar Builder

A Look, Read, and Write.

Look at the pictures. Write the correct words.



invented

turn on

born

stereo



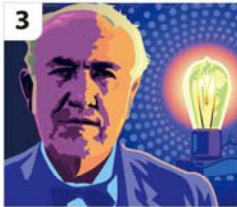
1

► Please _____ the light.



2

► Edison was _____ in America.



3

► Edison _____ the light bulb.



4

► We can listen to music with a _____.

B Curious or Convenient?

Draw a circle around the right words and then write the words.



1 Thomas Edison was very _____.
curious convenient

2 Inventions make our lives more _____.
curious convenient

3 Inventions make our work _____.
easier harder

4 Airplanes help people move _____.
slower faster