

Answers

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

The light bulb, the phonograph, the telephone receiver and the microphone

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

He was very important.

The he was intelligent.

That he was influenced by others.

That he was interesting.

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

dramatic

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

	fact	opinion
Edison's achievements were impressive.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Edison's mother was an excellent teacher.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The invention factory was in Menlo Park.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Edison died in 1931.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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. Alexandra Graham Bell	Invented the telephone
2. Nancy Edision	Educated her son Removed him from school

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. 3
- Edison invented a light bulb. 5
- Edison was chosen to be a member of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans 6
- Edison was taken out of his school by his mother. 2
- Edison invented the phonograph. 4

7. “In 1960, He was fittingly chosen to be a member of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans.”

Tick the word closest in meaning to ‘fittingly’ as it is used in the text.

- wrongly
- immediately
- suitably
- eventually

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

An answer which comments on him leaving school at a young age and how people wouldn't expect someone with so little education to have the knowledge to be such a successful inventor.