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"40 Questions"



Directions: Answer questions 1-12 **BEFORE** you read the book on **Thomas Alva Edison**.
(Make sure you fill in **BOTH** columns and follow the directions at the **BOTTOM** of the page.)

	Question	Answer	Type of 5W's & H Question
1.	<u>Who</u> is the Author of the book? Last Name, First Name.		<i>Who?</i>
2.	<u>What</u> is the Title of the book? Underline the Title. (In your Answer.)		
3.	<u>Where</u> was the book Published ? City:		
4.	<u>Who</u> is the book Publisher ?		
5.	<u>When</u> was the book published? (Look for the Year located next to the Text Copyright symbol ©.)		
6.	<u>Who</u> is the Illustrator of the book? (Look on the Title Page .)		
7.	<u>Why</u> is the person on the Cover famous or important ? (What is there in the "cover art" on the Front Cover that gives you a <u>clue</u> or <u>clues</u> about this?)		
8.	<u>How</u> many Chapters are in the book?		
9.	<u>How</u> many Pages are in the book?		
10.	In addition to the Chapters, <u>what</u> other Parts of the Book are included in the Table of Contents ?		
11.	<u>What</u> are the book's Genre and the Author's Purpose (Persuade, Inform, or Entertain) of the book?		
12.	<u>How</u> many book Sources did the Author use to write this book? (Hint: Refer to the Bibliography .)		

Write this book in **Bibliography Format**. (Use your answers from Questions 1-5 to fill in the blanks.)

_____, _____ . _____ .
Author's Last Name, Author's First Name. Title of book. (Underline the book title)

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Directions: Answer questions 13-24 DURING your reading of the book on **Thomas Alva Edison**.

	Question	Answer	Text Evidence Found Where
13.	Describe Thomas Alva (Al) Edison. What surprised you the most about him?		
14.	Describe the Main Setting , including where Al (short for Alva) Edison grew up and when his life adventures take place. (1950s?)		In the Beginning
15.	Instead of using letters and numbers, Morse used what to send messages?		Illustration Page 12
16.	What was Al Edison's first job at age 12 on the Grand Trunk Railroad?		Page 16
17.	What did Tom (short for Thomas) carry around with him in his pocket so that he could " jot down ideas ?"		Page 22
18.	What did Tom think the best way to learn was?		Page 27
19.	How did Thomas Edison improve Alexander Graham Bell's invention of the telephone ?		Pages 38-40
20.	What was Tom's voice recorder called?		Page 41
21.	How did people light their houses and the indoors of their homes before Edison invented the electric light bulb?		Page 58
22.	What did Thomas Edison invent ?		Page 68
23.	Thomas Edison described himself as working on an instrument that " does for the Eye what the Phonograph does for the Ear. " What did he call that apparatus (device or gadget) that he was working on?		Pages 84-85
24.	Thomas Edison was a man who never ran out of what?		Page 92

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Directions: Answer questions 25-36 DURING your reading of the book on **Thomas Alva Edison**.

	Question	Answer	Text Evidence Found Where
25.	Why do we know so much about Thomas Edison's work ?		Page 93
26.	What are the four different kinds of records Thomas Edison kept?		Page 93
27.	What New York Stadium was Edison's cement used to build?		Illustration Page 95
28.	What kind of car did Edison believe would be the best car in the future ?		Page 95
29.	Which invention made the most money for Edison? (It became Edison's biggest moneymaker .)		Page 97
30.	What were Thomas Edison's thoughts and feelings about " genius " and work ?		Page 98
31.	What kind of vacations did Edison take with his "friends?" (Car Inventor-Ford; Tire Maker-Firestone.)		Illustration Pages 101-102
32.	What did the U.S. President request that all Americans do on the evening of Thomas Edison's funeral to honor the man who invented the electric light bulb ?		Page 103
33.	What great invention happened three years before Thomas Edison invented the working electric light bulb?		Timeline of the World Page 105
34.	What caused Edison's (Al's) "mother to be furious," and how did that affect his education? Al's mother was furious: The Cause:? The Effect:?		Pages 8-9
35.	Can you list in order 4 or 5 different jobs or businesses Thomas Edison had on the way to becoming an Inventor? (1st job or business; 2nd job or business; 3rd ; 4th ; and 5th .) Remember to list them in order .		Pages 15-20
36.	What Major Achievement(s) did Thomas Edison accomplish that impacted the world for good?		

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Directions: Answer questions 37-40 **AFTER** you read the book on **Thomas Alva Edison**.
(Use a separate sheet of paper for your Timeline.)

	Question	Response
37.	What is the Theme of the book?	
38.	Create a Timeline beginning with the <u>Main Topic</u> answering why (?) this person is significant – and include 3 <u>Major Contributions</u> !	
39.	Would you share with one other person why you think they should or should not read this book?	

Putting your new-found knowledge to work!

Now that you have Read the Book, and you have Answered the Questions, and Have a Good Grasp (Understanding) of the Subject - Answer the Final "**Then and Now**" Question Number 40.

Then and Now: Reflection

Thomas Edison revolutionized (*transformed*) the world and had a profound (*significant*) impact on how people lived because of his **inventions**, and his **improvements** on the inventions of others. That was **then**. If **you** were an **Inventor**, what would be one of the first things you would like to invent, or what gadget, machine or appliance would you like to make improvements on **now**?
