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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. How did the job as a telegraph operator influence Edison's inventions?
  - Ⓐ He learned how to be a smart businessman at his job.
  - Ⓑ Some of his early inventions were improvements to the telegraph.
  - Ⓒ People began to recognize him, and he became famous.
  - Ⓓ The job allowed him to save money to open a research lab in New Jersey.
2. Why were people amazed by Edison's light bulbs at his lab?
  - Ⓐ No one had ever seen a light bulb before.
  - Ⓑ Edison had the largest light bulb collection in the world.
  - Ⓒ Most light bulbs burned too brightly or dimly, but Edison's worked better.
  - Ⓓ Light bulbs could not be turned on or off, but Edison's could.
3. Which of the following words best describes Edison?
  - Ⓐ lucky
  - Ⓑ lazy
  - Ⓒ friendly
  - Ⓓ curious
4. Read this sentence from the book: *Edison **sketched** his ideas in notebooks.* What does **sketched** mean?
  - Ⓐ made a detailed description of something
  - Ⓑ made a rough drawing or outline of something
  - Ⓒ made a realistic drawing of something
  - Ⓓ made a drawing of something that never existed before

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5. Why would the president have people turn out their lights to honor Edison when he died?
  - Ⓐ Turning the lights off would make it dark outside.
  - Ⓑ Edison did not like the light bulbs that people were using.
  - Ⓒ Edison improved the light bulb, so turning off the lights honored his impact on people's lives.
  - Ⓓ Edison invented movie projectors that only worked in the dark.
6. Which of the following happened before Edison improved the light bulb?
  - Ⓐ His team had to find a material for the filament.
  - Ⓑ Edison moved to a larger lab in West Orange, New Jersey.
  - Ⓒ Edison had to move to New York and work with Nikola Tesla.
  - Ⓓ His team had to start the first electric power plant.
7. Which of the following statements about Edison is a detail from the section "Young Al"?
  - Ⓐ *He gave the sketches to his workers, who then created the inventions.*
  - Ⓑ *He found it too hard to get the sound and pictures to match, so his films were silent.*
  - Ⓒ *He set up a lab in a baggage car until an accidental fire ended his experiments.*
  - Ⓓ *He worked until he was more than eighty years old.*
8. What is Edison's most memorable accomplishment?
  - Ⓐ his work on the telegraph and telephone
  - Ⓑ his work on the phonograph
  - Ⓒ his work on the electric vote counter
  - Ⓓ his work on the light bulb

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9. Which of the following is a fact about Edison?

- Ⓐ Edison was a loving husband and father, and he married three times.
- Ⓑ Edison's goal was to be a famous inventor and make lots of money.
- Ⓒ Edison was an important historical figure and should have a holiday dedicated to him.
- Ⓓ Edison helped start the first electric power plant in New York City in 1881.

10. Read this sentence: *Edison received his first **patent** for an electric vote counter.*

A **patent** is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ a document granting the right to make money from an invention
- Ⓑ a thread or threadlike object that conducts electricity
- Ⓒ a rough drawing or outline of something
- Ⓓ a smaller version of an object made to look like the real thing

11. **Extended Response:** What is the most important lesson you learned from reading about Edison?

12. **Extended Response:** How does the photograph of one of Edison's first electric light bulbs compare to a light bulb you see today?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Thomas Edison

*Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of a Biography*

1. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓓ *Elements of a Biography*
4. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓓ *Elements of a Biography*
9. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include a lesson the student learned from Thomas Edison on the basis of the information presented in the book.
12. Answers will vary but should include an accurate comparison of Edison's light bulb and modern light bulbs.