FOUR INVENTORS

Leonardo da Vinci (1452 – 1519)

Leonardo da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa, which is perhaps the most famous painting in the world. But Leonardo was also a scientist and an inventor. He invented some musical instruments and a type of clock. He also designed this flying machine.



Josephine Cochrane (1839 – 1913)

In about 1880, Josephine Cochrane had an idea. She wanted to design a machine to wash dishes. So she studied science and mechanics. She learned how to draw. She worked on her design for six years. Finally, in 1886, her dishwashing machine was complete.



Thomas Edison (1847 – 1931)

Thomas Edison invented many things. He invented the phonograph (a machine for recording sound), a type of battery and a type of car. But his most famous invention was a type of light bulb. He was not the first person to invent a light bulb, but his design was the most efficient. Nowadays, there are light bulbs for bicycles, mobile phones, fridges and microscopes. Can you imagine life without light bulbs?



George Lerner (1922 – 1995)

In 1949, George Lerner invented a plastic toy called Mr Potato Head. At first, the toy was not a success. But in 1952, Mr Potato Head appeared in a television commercial. Then every child wanted the toy. Today, Mr Potato Head is one of the most popular toys in the world. He is also a character in the *Toy Story* films.



Who invented a type of clock?

Who invented a type of toy?

Who invented a type of dishwasher?

Who invented a type of battery?

Who studied science and mechanichs?

Who was a painter and scientist?

Who designed a flying machine?

Who lived from 1847 to 1931?

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