

*Fill in the gaps with the words from the box*

allegedly    plagued    took the world by storm    flash    envisaged

## Iconic People and Their Eureka Moments



Elias Howe was struggling to create a sewing machine. He couldn't come up with one part of it. 1) \_\_\_\_\_ by stress, he had a nightmare involving being repeatedly stabbed. He noticed the spears in his dream had holes in the top, and realized this technique could be used for the \_\_\_\_\_ design.

The book that 2) \_\_\_\_\_ and sparked a huge franchise first came to the author on a busy train. The author didn't have a pen and had to wait until returning home to write the idea down. What's the name of the book? \_\_\_\_\_

Reyn Guyer was working on a promotional display for a polish company. He was using patterned polka-dot paper in the design when he suddenly 3) \_\_\_\_\_ a game where people acted instead of traditional pieces. What's the name of the game? \_\_\_\_\_



Percy Shaw 4) \_\_\_\_\_ came up with his invention after driving his car off the road on the way home from the pub. His headlights were reflected back from the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ on a nearby fence showing him he was about to drive off into a ditch.

Richard James was working on developing a spring to keep equipment steady on ships when he accidentally knocked some of his samples over. As he watched them move across the floor, he had a sudden 5) \_\_\_\_\_ of inspiration – and the \_\_\_\_\_ came into being.