

Reading Ex. > A Rocket Man

A. Read the following article about a physicist who made history. Fill in the gaps using the words from the box. There is ONE EXAMPLE for you.

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Robert Hutchings Goddard (Worcester, Massachusetts October 5, 1882 – Baltimore, Maryland August 10, 1945) was a physicist and inventor who is known as the father of modern (1) rocketry. In 1907, Goddard (2) _____ that a rocket's thrust can propel it in a vacuum. In 1914, Goddard (3) _____ two U.S. patents for liquid-fueled rockets and for two-to-three-stage rockets that use solid fuel. In 1919, Goddard (4) _____ a scientific article, 'A Method of Reaching Extreme Altitudes,' describing a high-

altitude rocket; this ground-breaking article was (5) _____ in a Smithsonian report. Goddard's many inventions (6) _____ the basis upon which modern rocketry is (7) _____.

After many years of (8) _____ attempts and public ridicule, Goddard's first successful rocket was (9) _____ on March 16, 1926, from a relative's farm in Auburn, Massachusetts. It was a liquid-fueled 10-ft. rocket that he (10) _____ Nell. The flight (11) _____ 2.5 seconds; the rocket (12) _____ 184 feet and (13) _____ an altitude of 41 feet.

Goddard soon (14) _____ to Roswell, New Mexico, where he (15) _____ more sophisticated multi-stage rockets. Altogether, Robert Goddard earned 214 patents.

B. Based on the previous text, answer the following questions. USE NO MORE THAN FIVE (5) WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER.

1. What was his article written in 1919 about? _____
2. How many patents did he take out? _____
3. Where was Robert Hutchings born? _____
4. How is he known? _____
5. When did his first rocket fly? _____
6. How high could it fly? _____



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