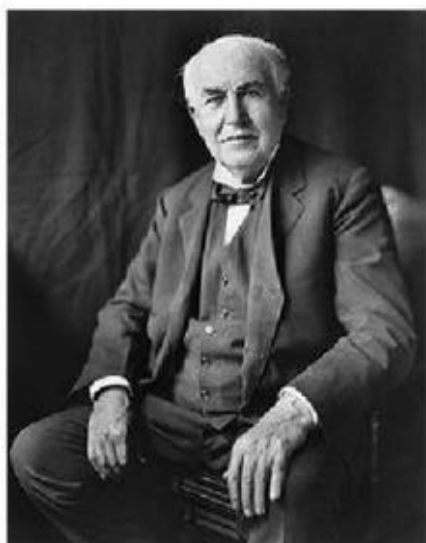


**Complete the Stories with the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets:**



### Thomas Edison

Thomas Edison (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) born in 1847 in Ohio in the United States. He (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (start) school at the age of eight but he (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (hate) it because on his first day the teacher (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (call) him stupid. After that, he (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at home a lot of the time and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lessons from his mother. He also (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a lot of science books at home. He (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) back to school sometimes but he never (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (like) it very much. He (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) school forever at the age of twelve and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a job with a newsagent. He (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) inventing things at the age of nineteen. In 1877 he (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (invent) the phonograph, a sort of very early CD player! Two years later, he (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (make) the world's first electric light bulb and New York (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (become) the first city to have electric lights.



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### Ada Lovelace

Ada Byron \_\_\_\_\_ (be born) in London on 10 December, 1815. She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the daughter of the famous British poet, Lord Byron and his wife, Annabella. Five weeks later, her parents \_\_\_\_\_ (separate). Her mother \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) Ada to be a poet like her father, so she \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) her Maths and Science. Ada was a Maths genius but she also had her father's imagination.

In 1828, when she was only thirteen, Ada \_\_\_\_\_ (design) a flying machine. Then, when she was eighteen, Ada \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) the inventor, Charles Babbage. She \_\_\_\_\_ (help) him with his work and he had a big influence on her life.

Ada \_\_\_\_\_ (marry) Lord Lovelace in 1835 and they \_\_\_\_\_ (have) three children. After that, she \_\_\_\_\_ (work) with Babbage on his new calculating machine. In 1843, she \_\_\_\_\_ (write) an article about it with a plan for calculating numbers. This plan was the first computer program.

Ada \_\_\_\_\_ (have) an important influence on computer history because she \_\_\_\_\_ (predict) the modern computer. In 1980, when American scientists \_\_\_\_\_ (invent) a new computer language, they called it ADA. Ada \_\_\_\_\_ (die) on 27 November, 1852, at the age of 36.