The Invention Convention
Tribute to an Inventor
Mills Lawn Elementary School
Sixth Grade

Instructions

You will be writing a **Tribute to an Inventor**. Your paper should be one page in length, typed. Your Tribute should include the following information:

1. The name of the inventor, birthdate, birthplace, and year of death, if applicable.
2. Where the inventor lived and did his or her work.
3. Something about the inventor’s early life.
4. What this person invented.
5. What you find inspiring and interesting about the inventor’s life and invention.
6. How this invention has affected the world.

Remember, this is to be your tribute to this inventor, and not simply a brief biography. Do some research on several inventors from this list or find others. After your research, pick one inventor whose invention and invention process impresses you as being worthy of your tribute.

List of possible inventors and their inventions

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<th>Inventor</th>
<th>Invention(s)</th>
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<td>Benjamin Franklin</td>
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<td>Alexander Graham Bell</td>
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<td>Marie Curie</td>
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<td>Henry Ford</td>
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King Gillette       safety razor
Guglielmo Marconi     wireless (radio)
Albert Einstein      theory of relativity
Wilbur and Orville Wright powered flight
John Holland         First U.S. Navy submarine
Henrietta Leavitt    stellar-period luminosity
Jacob Schick         electric razor
Melita Benz          drip coffee maker
Richard Drew         Scotch tape
Vladimir Zworykin     television camera
Gordon Gould         laser
Harland Sanders      Kentucky Fried Chicken
Wallace Carothers    nylon
Charles F. Kettering automobile self-starter
Felix Hoffman        aspirin
Jacques Cousteau     aqua-lung
Alessandro Volta     electric battery
Kirkpatrick MacMillan early bicycle
Louis Braille        writing for the blind
Laszlo Biro           ballpoint pen
Joseph Glidden       barbed wire
Will and John Kellogg breakfast cereal
James Ritty          cash register
Alfred Nobel         dynamite
Chester Greenwood    earmuffs
Clarence Birdseye    frozen food
Levi Strauss         jeans
Edward Budding       lawn mower
Linus Yale            pin-tumbler lock
Anton Van Leeuwenhoek microscope
Johann Guttenberg    movable type (printing)
Ole Evinrude         outboard boat motor
Levi Strauss         potato chips
George Crum          roller skates
James Plimpton       the sandwich
Earl of Sandwich     television camera
Philo Farnsworth     smallpox vaccination
Edward Jenner        polio vaccination
Jonas Salk           velcro
George de Mestral    first windshield wiper
Mary Anderson        Xerox copier
Chester Carlson      introduced the yo-yo to the U.S.
Donald Duncan        modern zipper
Gideon Sundback      modern rockets
Robert Goddard       first camera
Louis Daguerre       sub-machine gun
J.T. Thompson        Kevlar (bulletproof vests, spacecraft)
Gertrude Elion       technology for WWII fighter planes
Bette Nesmith Graham drugs for cancer and kidney transplants
Stephanie Kwolek     Kelvar (bulletproof vests, spacecraft)
Elsie MacGill        technology for WWII fighter planes
Ruth Wakefield       chocolate chip cookies (Toll House)
Ruth Handler         Barbie doll
Hedy Lamar           electronic military weapons guidance
Margaret Knight      machine for making paper bags
African-American Inventors

Robert Rillieux: new sugar refining process
Dr. Daniel Hale Williams: first successful open-heart surgery
Dr. Charles Drew: blood plasma research
George Washington Carver: many peanut products
Jan Matzeliger: shoe lasting machine
Richard B. Spikes: controls for automatic transmission
Frederick M. Jones: refrigerated trucks and trains
Alfred Cralle: the ice cream scoop
Garrett Morgan: automatic traffic control signal
gas mask
Elijah McCoy: oil lubricator
Henry Blair: corn and cotton planter
Sarah Boone: ironing board
C.B. Brooks: street sweepers
golf tee
G.F. Grant: pencil sharpener
J.L. Love: fountain pen
W.B. Purvis: Air purification device
Rufus Stokes: Electromechanical brake
Granville T. Woods: Railway telegraphy
Conducting system for electric railway
L.B. Bailey: folding bed