

Famous Inventors

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Circle who invented or is famous for each thing.

1. Who created the periodic table of the elements?
(A) Isaac Newton
(B) Dmitri Mendeleev
(C) Marie Curie
(D) Albert Einstein
2. Who invented one of the first mechanical calculators?
(A) Isaac Newton
(B) Galileo Galilei
(C) Charles Babbage
(D) Blaise Pascal
3. Who built the first working mechanical television?
(A) Thomas Edison
(B) Alexander Graham Bell
(C) John Logie Baird
(D) Guglielmo Marconi
4. Who developed the first polio vaccine?
(A) Jonas Salk
(B) Edward Jenner
(C) Alexander Fleming
(D) Louis Pasteur
5. Who invented the first all-electronic television?
(A) Philo Farnsworth
(B) Guglielmo Marconi
(C) Thomas Edison
(D) John Logie Baird
6. Who discovered electromagnetic induction, the idea behind electric generators?
(A) Benjamin Franklin
(B) Alessandro Volta
(C) Isaac Newton
(D) Michael Faraday
7. Who invented the microwave oven?
(A) Nikola Tesla (B) Elisha Otis
(C) Percy Spencer (D) Thomas Edison
8. Who invented the diesel engine?
(A) James Watt (B) Rudolf Diesel
(C) Henry Ford (D) Karl Benz
9. Who wrote what is considered the first computer program, in the 1840s?
(A) Marie Curie
(B) Ada Lovelace
(C) Rosalind Franklin
(D) Grace Hopper
10. What did Nikola Tesla work on?
(A) alternating current electricity
(B) the printing press
(C) the steam engine
(D) the airplane

11. Who greatly improved the steam engine, helping power the Industrial Revolution?

- (A) Thomas Edison
- (B) Henry Ford
- (C) George Stephenson
- (D) James Watt

12. What did Tim Berners-Lee create?

- (A) the computer chip
- (B) the light bulb
- (C) the World Wide Web
- (D) the telephone

13. What did Alfred Nobel invent?

- (A) the steam engine
- (B) the airplane
- (C) the telephone
- (D) dynamite

14. Who first proved that radio waves exist?

- (A) Thomas Edison
- (B) Heinrich Hertz
- (C) Guglielmo Marconi
- (D) Nikola Tesla

15. Who invented the safety elevator?

- (A) Elisha Otis
- (B) Thomas Edison
- (C) Karl Benz
- (D) Samuel Morse

16. What did Galileo improve?

- (A) the airplane
- (B) the printing press
- (C) the telescope
- (D) the light bulb

17. Who designed the Analytical Engine, an early mechanical computer?

- (A) Tim Berners-Lee
- (B) Alan Turing
- (C) Thomas Edison
- (D) Charles Babbage

18. What did Samuel Morse create?

- (A) Morse code
- (B) the light bulb
- (C) the telephone
- (D) the radio

19. Who built the first steam locomotive railway to carry passengers?

- (A) James Watt
- (B) George Stephenson
- (C) Karl Benz
- (D) Henry Ford

20. Who invented the cotton gin?

- (A) Samuel Morse
- (B) Benjamin Franklin
- (C) Eli Whitney
- (D) Robert Fulton

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