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Thomas Edison & Grit

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. As a child, Thomas Edison

- A. had trouble in school.
- B. did not like to read.

- C. did well in school.
- D. never attended school.

2. Thomas Edison helped create or improve all of these inventions EXCEPT

- A. the light bulb
- B. cameras

- C. the airplane
- D. the phonograph

3. What was Thomas Edison's philosophy?

- A. "There's no better way than this one."
- B. "Never fail."

- C. "Your first idea is always your best."
- D. "If there's a better way, find it."

4. How did Thomas Edison modify the telegraph?

- A. He made it smaller.
- B. He made it able to receive messages as well as send them.

- C. He made it able to send and receive four messages at once.
- D. He made it more expensive.

5. Thomas Edison invented the first

- A. telegraph.
- B. talking doll.

- C. locomotive.
- D. camera.

6. What was true of Thomas Edison's light bulb?

- A. It was too expensive for most people.
- B. It required a lot of power.

- C. It was the first light bulb created.
- D. It lasted longer than existing light bulbs.

7. How many patents did Thomas Edison hold?

- A. over 1,000 patents
- B. 100 patents
- C. 10 patents
- D. 1 patent

8. True or false, Thomas Edison experimented with concrete furniture.

- A. True
- B. False

9. Which of the following did Thomas Edison's believe?

- A. Failing shows you when to give up.
- B. Failing shows you what to try next.
- C. Great inventors never fail.
- D. Genius is all about inspiration.

10. How did people across the country honor Thomas Edison after his death?

- A. by having parades
- B. by playing music on their phonographs
- C. by dimming their lights
- D. by creating a national holiday