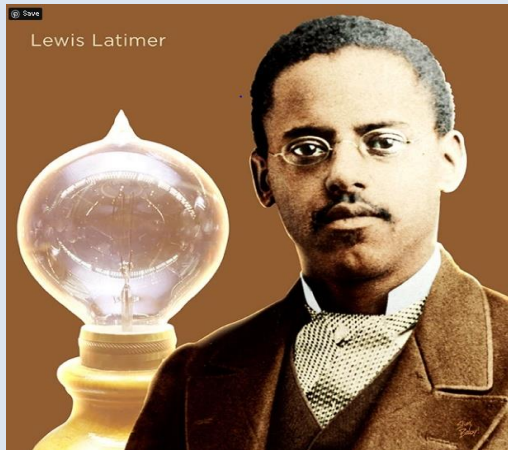


Year 3 Summer 2 Humanities – Scientists and Inventors- Lewis Howard Latimer

Key Facts

- Lewis Howard Latimer was an African-American inventor, engineer and draftsman.
- He was a member of Edison's research team which was called "Edison's Pioneers."
- Latimer was best known for his contributions to the patenting of the light bulb and the telephone.



Timeline

Lewis Howard Latimer was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts on September 4, 1848

In 1864, at the age of 16, Latimer lied about his age in order to enlist in the United States Navy during the Civil War.

Recognizing Latimer's talent and promise, the firm partners promoted him from office boy to draftsman

Latimer designed a number of his own inventions, including an improved railroad car bathroom and an early air conditioning unit.

Working with Alexander Graham Bell, Latimer helped draft the patent for Bell's design of the telephone.

Latimer's deep knowledge of both patents and electrical engineering made Latimer an indispensable partner to Edison as he promoted and defended his light bulb design

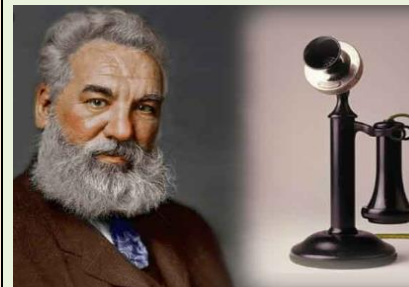
In 1890, Latimer published a book entitled *Incandescent Electric Lighting: A Practical Description of the Edison System*

Latimer married Mary Wilson in 1873

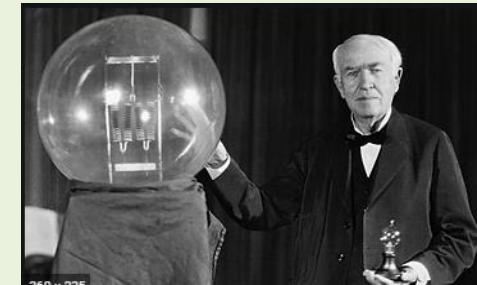
Lewis Howard Latimer died on December 11, 1928

Vocabulary

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- inventions
- scientists
- discrimination
- African American
- engineer
- telephone
- light bulb
- draftsman



Alexander Bell



Thomas Edison



