Entrepreneurs and Inventors Report
an activity supporting the New York Social Studies Framework 4.6e

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4.6e Entrepreneurs and inventors associated with New York State have made important contributions to business and technology.

Students will research several people who made important contributions to business, technology, and New York State communities.

Student researchers can use the Inventors index icon or the keyword search to find the profile of their choice.

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People listed in Social Studies Framework 4.6e and profiled in Biography for Beginners (* indicates additional profile in other FactCite databases):

*Baekeland, Leo (1863–1944) Belgian-Born American Inventor and Chemist. Inventor of the First Synthetic Plastic. (Also in FactCite: Shapers of Society.)


Borden, Gail (1801-1874) American Inventor of Condensed Milk and Other Food Products

Brown, Rachel Fuller (1898-1980) and Hazen, Elizabeth Lee (1885-1975) and American Scientists. Co-Creators of the First Anti-Fungal Antibiotic. Two separate biographies.


Butts, Alfred (1889-1993) American Board Game Inventor and Architect (Scrabble)

Carrier, Willis (1876–1950) American Engineer and Inventor of Air Conditioning

**Eastman, George** (1854–1932) American Inventor and Businessman. Inventor of Rolled Photographic Film and the Hand-Held Camera.

* **Edison, Thomas** (1847–1931) American Inventor of the Incandescent Electric Lamp (Light Bulb), Phonograph, and Motion Picture Projector. (Also in FactCite: Shapers of Society.)

**Elion, Gertrude** (1918–1999) American Scientist and Inventor of Life-Saving Drugs to Treat Leukemia and Other Diseases. Winner of the Nobel Prize.

**Gillette, King** (1855–1932) American Businessman and Inventor of the Safety Razor

**Glidden, Joseph** (1813–1906) Inventor of the First Commercially Successful Barbed Wire. Changed the Cattle Industry in Texas and the American West


**Jennings, Thomas** (1791-1859) American Tailor, Inventor, and Abolitionist.


**Marconi, Guglielmo** (1874–1937) Italian Scientist and Inventor of Successful Long-Distance Transmission of Radio.


* **Tesla, Nikola** (1856–1943) Croatian-Born American Inventor, Engineer, and Physicist. Inventor of the AC Electric Motor and the Tesla Coil. (Also in FactCite: Shapers of Society.)


**Walker, Madam C. J.** (1867 – 1919) African-American Businesswoman, First Female SelfMade Millionaire in the United States