

Lesson 14

1. Edison's childhood was in some ways a solitary one. The other children at his school would not _____ with him.
2. The young Edison withdrew from his schoolmates. He was quiet and thoughtful, while they were _____ and unkind to him.
3. Edison showed from an early age that he was very strong-minded. He probably did not allow the _____ of his classmates to upset him too much.
4. Edison never claimed to be a city boy. In fact, much of Michigan where he grew up was still _____.
5. Edison was granted over a thousand patents. Money received from these patents _____ him with the funds to continue his research.
6. Two things made it possible for Edison to do so much. During his waking hours he was never _____, and he needed less sleep than most people.
7. Edison didn't believe in wasting time. He _____ almost every waking moment to working on or improving new inventions.
8. He was strict in his dealings with others. He would not _____ laziness in himself or others.
9. The electric light bulb was probably Edison's most useful invention. Light was instantly _____ with the flick of a switch.
10. Edison's light bulb was made of clear glass. Inside it a _____ thread began to glow when electricity passed through it.
11. Edison tried many kinds of thread before finding one that worked. Such an effort on his part _____ great patience.
12. The concept of electric light spread rapidly. Within a few years, whole cities were being _____ by electricity.
13. Electric power soon became widely available in the United States. This brought about a total _____ in people's lives.
14. Edison never really retired. He continued working until he died in 1931, in the ninth _____ of his long and busy life.
15. Edison's place in history is secure. He was without doubt the most _____ inventor of the nineteenth century.