
In modern life, we use electricity on a daily basis and do not think anything of it. We take it for granted. However, for most of human history electricity was not known about so how and why did that change? Read on!



We Ancient Greeks knew that rubbing amber would make light objects attract to it. We thought it became magnetic.

What they were actually observing was static electricity!

While we did not know that electric currents existed. We were aware of shocks from a fish. We called it "Thunderer of the Nile".

Ancient Egyptians thought that electric fish were 'protectors' of other fish. Electric fish were written about by the Ancient Greeks, Romans and Arab Scholars.



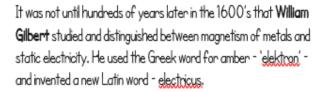
Alessandro Volta invented the first battery - which was known as the 'voltaic pile' as it was made of layers of zinc and copper which was either combined with sulphuric acid or saltwater brine to create an electric

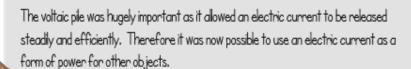
Volta's name was also the basis for the following words:

Voltage: This is the electric force that causes free electrons to move from one atom to another.

current.

Volt: Is the unit of measurement for Voltage (written as V).



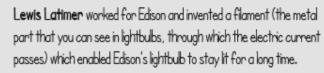


Michael Faraday used Volta's discoveries and was able to make an electric current move by using a magnet inside a wired coil. He was able to build an electric motor and generator!



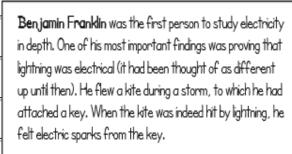


Thomas Edison invented the modern lightbulb. While lightbulbs were not a new idea, he did improve on the previous designs which were not useful as they did not stay lit for very long.





From these electrical inventions, many others followed and changed the way we live our everyday lives!



He was very fortunate not to be electrocuted! This is not an experiment that needs to be repeated!

He was also the first to store electricity and knew it consisted of positive and negative charges

































