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10 Inventors Who Changed The World (10 Series)



Synopsis

Science is not created in a vacuum, and no scientist creates an invention without influences from the past and an impact on the future. *10 Inventors Who Changed the World* by Clive Gifford is look at 10 discoverers, beginning with Archimedes of Greece and ending with Sergey Korolyev, each scientist's biography is linked with another based on influences, events, and geography. By uncovering these unique and often overlooked connections, science history emerges as a chain of pattern and relationships, and readers will understand how these ten inventors shaped the course of human civilization.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-8 • The innovative efforts of nine men and one woman are presented here. Some of the names will be familiar (Galileo, Franklin, Edison, Curie) while others will prove less so (Isambard Kindgom Brunel, Glenn Curtiss, Sergei Korolev). Starting in ancient times with Archimedes, the chronology ends in modern times with Korolev, a Soviet-era rocket designer. Each section offers a succinct yet thorough biography of the inventors. Striking graphic-novel-style art is a visual aid to draw readers into each setting and era. Life-link boxes connect the inventors to one another. In this way Gifford demonstrates how they influenced, or were influenced by, other great thinkers. With the appeal of a graphic novel, and clear language, this title will draw in reluctant readers and provide enough information for brief reports. • Anne Chapman Callaghan,

“Life stories of inventors and their inventions will come to life in this highly readable graphic format. Reluctant readers will be drawn to the graphic novel-style illustrations and text bubbles. Library Media Connection” “Cousens draws on a comics artist’s tool kit of furrowed brows, strong chins, craned necks, and dramatic perspectives to infuse his sharply drawn gallery of inventors at work with attention-grabbing intensity. Readers attuned to the visual punch of superhero comics and graphic novels will be drawn by the look of the pictures, and will likely stick around to meet some important-to-know figures in the history of science and technology.” • “Each section offers a succinct yet thorough biography of the inventors. Striking graphic-novel-style art is a visual aid to draw readers into each setting and era. Life-link boxes connect the inventors to one another. In this way Gifford demonstrates how they influenced, or were influenced by, other great thinkers. With the appeal of a graphic novel, and clear language, this title will draw in reluctant readers and provide enough information for brief reports.” • “[An] accessible and fast-paced graphic novel. A good book for middle school students learning about inventions and needing quick facts or biographical information.” • “Voices of Youth Advocates

This is a great book for tweens. Our towns 4th-7th graders are using it as a summer book club title and there has been great excitement about it from both boys and girls.

Students enjoy the graphic novel style illustrations, and as a teacher, I like that the information is accurate, but not too lengthy. I use it as a resource to compare different inventors.

Clive Gifford’s TEN INVENTORS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD is a pick for advanced elementary readers and grades 5-7, and provides a fine set of biographies of Archimedes, Galileo, Thomas Edison, Tesla, Marie Curie and others who changed their worlds. Innovative tests connect each story and show the timeline of how these pioneers were inspired by or reacted to those before them in a fine blend of vivid cartoon-style artwork by David Cousens and lively reading.

I love this book! This is a great pick for reluctant readers---comic book style illustrations. Grades 4-12.

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