



# History of Electricity Reading Comprehension Questions

I can explain the importance of the major discoveries in electricity.



Read each question carefully and answer questions in **sentences**.

1. What does the word 'electricus' mean?

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2. What key discoveries did the following scientists make? (Pick only **one**)

William Gilbert \_\_\_\_\_

Alessandro Volta \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Faraday \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas Edison \_\_\_\_\_

Lewis Latimer \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did Thomas Edison invent the lightbulb?

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4. Name two modern appliances that use electricity and explain why you think they are useful.

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5. The voltaic pile ensured a steady electric current. Why did this lead to the wider use of electricity?

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6. "The Ancient Greeks and Ancient Egyptians believed the same things about electricity"  
Is this statement correct? Explain why with examples to support your answer.

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7. How are the AC and DC currents different? Include **two** examples.

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