

## Invention Impact Answer Key

Correct chronological order:

1. Telephone – 1876
2. Light Bulb – 1879
3. Assembly Line - 1913

Expected concepts in student responses:

- **Telephone:** improved communication and business transactions; connected cities and families
- **Light Bulb:** longer work hours; improved productivity; safer lighting in factories and homes
- **Assembly Line:** rise of mass production; cheaper goods; growth of consumer culture; repetitive factory work

Reflection answers will vary - acceptable if supported with reasoning (e.g., "the light bulb allowed factories to work longer hours, transforming the economy").

### Teacher's Guide

- Introduce inventions through short videos or images
- Encourage students to share personal comparisons: "How would life be harder without phones?"

### Differentiation

- Provide sentence frames: *"This invention changed life because..."*
- Offer vocabulary supports: *communication, production, electricity, innovation*
- Allow students to complete verbally before writing

### Extensions

- Students choose **one more** invention (e.g., typewriter, airplane, skyscraper steel) and add it to the timeline
- Connect to modern-day technologies (smartphones, factory robotics)
- Research a famous innovator and present a mini-biography