Nikola Tesla

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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below. Nikola Tesla was one of the foremost inventors of our time, but he was discredited during his lifetime. From the time he was a boy he had an ability to "see" things that would come into his mind. He said they were not hallucinations, and it was hard for him to distinguish between an actual object and an object his mind produced. As a young man he was fascinated with Niagara Falls. In his mind he saw a vision of a giant wheel with the water spilling over it. Thirty years later in America his ideas were carried out in the harnessing of the power of Niagara Falls. His father sent him to an excellent polytechnic school in Austria . He suffered a nervous breakdown from overwork. The acute sensations of sight and hearing he had experienced as a boy were greatly magnified during this time. Once in a flash of inspiration he had a vision of a motor and drew it with a stick in the sand. Six years later he presented the very same thing to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He had a succession of ideas and in a period of two months he had envisioned all the inventions which are now identified with his name. In New York he worked for Edison. In 1885 he formed the Tesla Arc and Light Company and developed the motors he had pictured in his mind. He foresaw the development of guided missiles and weapons of mass destruction. Tesla thought people should be able to live in peace with one another, and he designed inventions to be used for peaceful purposes. Had Tesla been a better businessman he would have become very wealthy, but he let people take advantage of him. He was able during his lifetime to create the things he envisioned and obtain 700 patents in 25 countries. Tesla died alone in a New York hotel at the age of 86. He was destitute and in debt.

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