

People Who Influenced the World

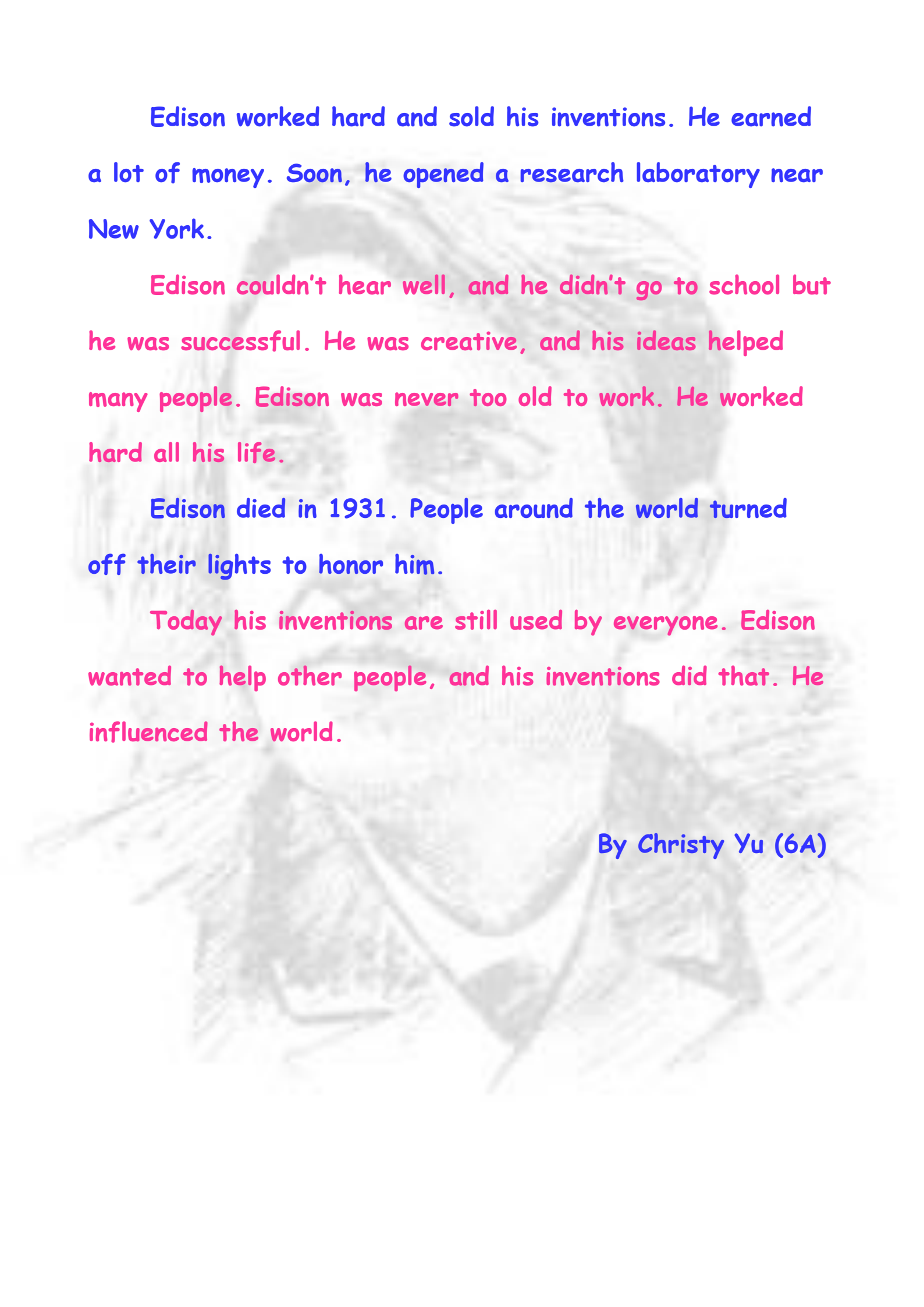
The person I admire most is Thomas Edison. I think he is a great inventor. During his life, he invented thousands of things. The first electric light bulb and record player were invented by him.

Thomas Edison was born in America in 1847. As a child, he didn't go to school. His mother was his teacher. She taught him at home. Edison was very curious. He always asked questions.

Edison was interested in history and literature. His father told him to read a lot. When Edison read a book, he was paid ten cents. He loved to go to the library. He enjoyed learning by himself.

Edison also liked reading poems and plays. He really liked Shakespeare. When he was a child, he wished to be an actor. However, he was too shy so he became interested in science and math.

Edison wanted to do experiments but he needed money. One day, Edison fixed a machine for a company. The manager gave Edison a job immediately.



Edison worked hard and sold his inventions. He earned a lot of money. Soon, he opened a research laboratory near New York.

Edison couldn't hear well, and he didn't go to school but he was successful. He was creative, and his ideas helped many people. Edison was never too old to work. He worked hard all his life.

Edison died in 1931. People around the world turned off their lights to honor him.

Today his inventions are still used by everyone. Edison wanted to help other people, and his inventions did that. He influenced the world.

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