



RI.7.3
Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).

RI.7.4
Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.

RI.7.6
Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others.

Read this passage and answer the questions that follow.

from "The Life of Thomas A. Edison"

from *Inventing Entertainment, Motion Pictures and Sound Recordings of the Edison Companies* by the Library of Congress

- 1 In 1868 Edison moved to Boston, where he worked in the Western Union office and worked even more on his inventions. In January 1869 Edison resigned his job, intending to devote himself fulltime to inventing things. His first invention to receive a patent was the electric vote recorder, in June 1869.