



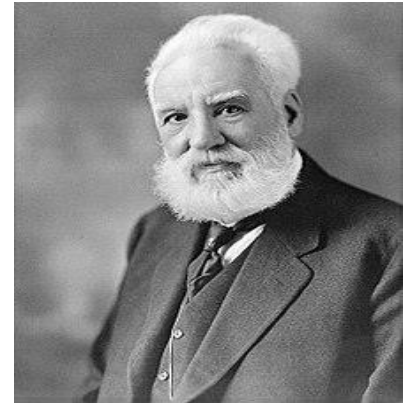
## History – Graduate Award Scheme (Year 3)

This term you will be looking at personal timelines. Using the information below, can you learn everything there is to know about Alexander Graham Bell, so that you could create a timeline of his history?

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### Part A – Graduate Scheme

Alexander Graham Bell was best known as the man, who invented the telephone. His incredible invention changed how people are able to communicate.



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### Early life

Alexander was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1847. His father was a professor at the University of Edinburgh and his mother was an accomplished pianist, despite the fact she was deaf. Alexander had two brothers, who both passed away due to having an illness called tuberculosis.

At an early age, Bell was very curious and he studied piano and began to invent things when he was very young. In 1870, Alexander and his family moved to Canada.

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### His career

Bell opened the School of Vocal Physiology and Mechanics of Speech in Boston, which taught deaf people to speak, in 1872. Around the same time, Bell started to work on a device that allowed messages to be transmitted over a wire. Shortly after, Bell and his partner Thomas Watson, came up with a simple receiver that turned electricity into sound. At the beginning of March 1876, Bell made the first-ever telephone call to his partner Thomas Watson, which made history.

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### Personal life

Alexander met a lady called Mabel Hubbard, who was a deaf student and they married on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1877. They had four children, but two of their sons died at a very young age.

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### Later life

Alexander Graham Bell died on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1922 at the age of 75 in Canada. When his funeral took place, every phone in North America was silenced, so people could pay tribute to the famous inventor.

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### Example questions

- Can you put these dates in order?
  - How many children did Alexander have?
  - What date was Bell born?
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### Part B – Graduate Scheme

Can you create a timeline of your own history?