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Lewis Howard Latimer

Lewis was born in 1848 in Massachusetts. His parents were both slaves that had run away from their owner. His father was caught and had a trial to return back to his owners but he was freed. He was a great inventor. He created the evaporative air conditioner, improved the process for manufacturing filaments for light bulbs, and improved the toilet system on railroad cars.

He began his career working in a patent office, drawing the inventions for the patents. He earned \$3.00 per week. His boss saw how great he was at drawing and designing that he promoted him and he earned \$20 per week. That is around \$470 a week now.

In 1884, he worked for the Edison Electric Light Company and wrote the first book on electric lighting. Before working here, he worked with several well-known inventors like Alexander Graham Bell (telephone), Thomas Edison (light bulb), and he helped create a more safe elevator.

He lived in New York for 25 years after he retired. He passed away in 1928.

Who is this passage about?

What is he famous for?

What did he create for Americans?

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Lewis was an inventor. He wanted to make the world a better place by creating something that would make life easier or better.

Imagine you are an inventor. Draw and write about an invention that would make your life easier or better.


