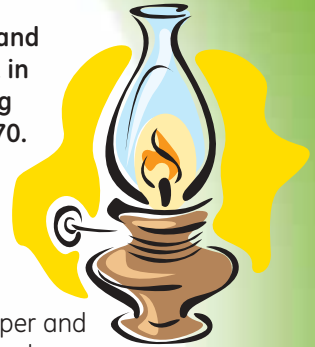


# A Family Adventure ...

It was dark before the invention of the light bulb, but everyone still had to do homework and chores, and find time to have fun with friends before the sun went down. Take a trip back in time with your family to the dark past before light bulbs were available. Take turns asking each person how he or she would have lived without the use of light bulbs in the year 1870.

## ... WHOOSH! Back in Time!

**Situation:** Imagine that you wake up one Saturday morning in the dark and find that your iPod, Game Boy, and cell phone are gone! You run to turn on the television, but it's gone, too. Even the light switches are missing! Something funny is going on! You grab the daily newspaper and see that it's dated "June 10, 1870." You realize that you've traveled back in time to just before when light bulbs were invented!



Here are some challenges you'll face. How would you meet them?



At night, how would you see to do your homework or read the next chapter in your favorite book?



The sun sets at 7 P.M., and you have to be up at dawn to do your chores. What time would you go to bed?



How would you find your way upstairs to your bedroom at night?



If you went for a walk after sunset, how would you find your way back home?



You would like to see your friends after dinner. Where would you meet them?



### Some Bright Ideas

Use these words and phrases to help you answer the questions at left: *stars, a candle, a lantern, daylight, moonlight, and wait until dawn.*

Now turn the page to enter the **All About Light Contest!**



Write a letter to the editor for a chance to be one of six students to win more than \$15,000 in U.S. savings bonds!

# All About Light Contest!

**Topic:** Imagine you're a time traveler, and you've just jumped back in time from the year 2005 to 1879. You pick up a newspaper called the *1879 Times News* and read that someone named Thomas Edison has just invented the first light bulb for use in people's houses.

*Think of the many ways you use light bulbs every day in 2005. Write a letter to the editor of the 1879 Times News explaining three major ways in which people's lives will change now that light bulbs will be used in their homes!*

## It's EASY to Enter:

- 1. WRITE**  
Respond to the topic above.
- 2. ENTER**  
Complete the entry form.
- 3. SUBMIT**  
Give your letter and entry form to your teacher or mail them in yourself.



**DEADLINE:**  
**10/21/05**  
**Enter Now!**

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### STUDENT PRIZES

- 3 Grand Prize Winners Receive:**
- \$5,000 U.S. savings bond
  - Scholastic Inventor's Gift Pack of Books
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- \$1,250 U.S. savings bond
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### TEACHER PRIZES

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  - Science-themed set of library books
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- \$100 GE Science Grant
  - \$100 Scholastic gift certificate
  - One-year home supply of light bulbs

### CLASSROOM PRIZES

- 3 Grand Prize Classrooms Receive:**
- Class visit from an Olympic athlete
- 3 Runner-Up Classrooms Receive:**
- Class set of collectible GE Olympic Games pins

All winners receive a collectible GE Olympic Games pin and a certificate of participation.

**Judging Criteria:** Creativity • Organization • Spelling and grammar • Complete response to topic

### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Complete the entry form and mail it in with your letter to: All About Light Contest, Scholastic, P.O. Box 713, New York, NY 10013-0711

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher name: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.** Students who are U.S. residents currently enrolled in grades 3 through 5 are eligible to enter. To enter, respond to the following topic: *Imagine you're a time traveler, and you've just jumped back in time from the year 2005 to 1879. You pick up a newspaper called the 1879 Times News and read that someone named Thomas Edison has just invented the first light bulb for use in people's houses. Think of the many ways you use light bulbs every day in 2005. Write a letter to the editor of the 1879 Times News explaining three major ways in which people's lives will change now that light bulbs will be used in their homes!* Mail entries to: All About Light Contest, Scholastic, P.O. Box 713, New York, NY 10013-0711. Each entry must be written legibly in ink, typed, or printed out on a word processor on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. The essay must accompany a completed entry form that is signed by a parent or guardian. All entries must be postmarked by 10/21/05 and received by 10/28/05. Winners will be judged on creativity, organization, spelling and grammar, and completeness of response to topic. All winners will receive a certificate of participation and a collectible GE Olympic Games pin (ARV: \$15/each). Three (3) Grand Prize winners (one each in grades 3, 4, and 5) will receive a \$5,000 U.S. savings bond and a \$100 Scholastic Inventor's Gift Pack (ARV: \$100). Three (3) Runners-Up (one each in grades 3, 4, and 5) will receive a \$1,250 U.S. savings bond and a \$50 Scholastic Inventor's Gift Pack (ARV: \$50). Teacher prizes: Each Grand Prize winner's teacher will receive a \$250 Scholastic gift certificate (ARV: \$250), a \$250 GE Science Grant (ARV: \$250), a one-year supply of light bulbs courtesy of GE Lighting (ARV: \$300), and a science-themed set of classroom library books (ARV: \$50). Each Runner-Up's teacher will receive a \$100 Scholastic gift certificate (ARV: \$100), a \$100 GE Science Grant (ARV: \$100), and a one-year supply of light bulbs courtesy of GE Lighting (ARV: \$300). Classroom prizes: The classrooms of each Grand Prize winner will receive a visit from an Olympic athlete (ARV: \$2,500) and a class set of collectible GE Olympic Games pins (ARV: \$15/each). Every student in each Runner-Up's classroom will receive a collectible GE Olympic Games pin (ARV: \$15/each). Winners will be notified on or about 12/1/05. For complete rules, please send a SASE to: All About Light Contest, Scholastic, P.O. Box 713, New York, NY 10013-0711. Void where prohibited.

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