

Alexander Graham Bell

Why is Alexander Graham Bell an important person to know?

Alexander Graham Bell was born in Scotland in 1847. His father was a famous teacher who taught people how to speak well. Alexander's mother was deaf. She was still able to teach him to play the piano.



Alexander was good at music and science. Alexander was interested in sound. He also liked to invent things. He built a machine that could speak. He also tried to make his dog

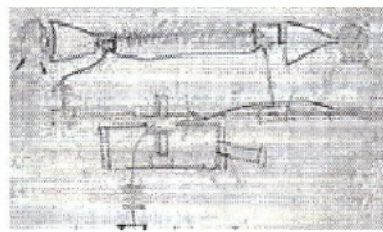
talk. In 1871, Alexander moved to Boston. During the day, he taught deaf students how to speak. At night, he did experiments with sound. Alexander wanted to learn more about electricity. In

1874, he met Tom Watson. Tom knew how electricity worked. They began to work together. Alexander stopped teaching. He did experiments day and night. He and Tom wanted to invent a machine that could send voices from one place to another. On March 10, 1876, Alexander and Tom reached their goal.



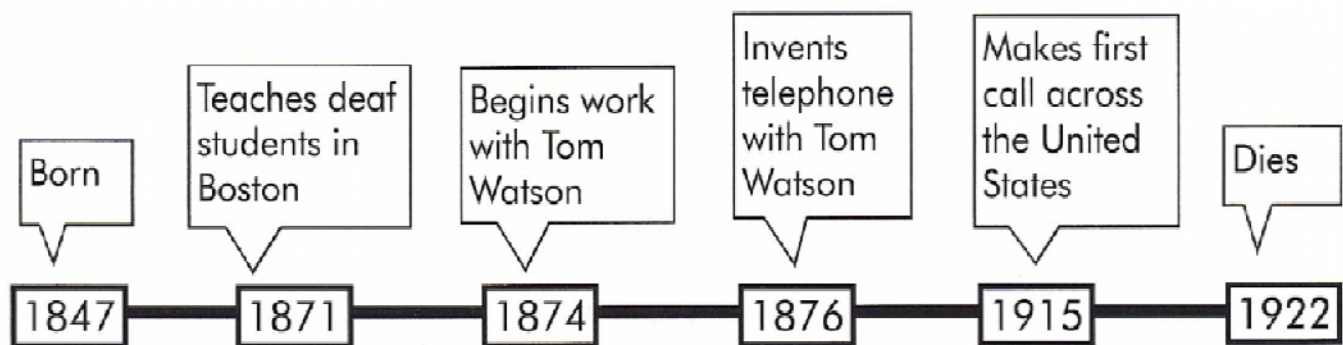
Alexander spoke to Tom through the first telephone.

Alexander and Tom made the telephone better. Soon it could send voices many miles. In 1915, they made the first telephone call across the United States. Alexander spent his life inventing. Alexander Graham Bell changed the way people communicate with one another.



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