The Story of Alexander Graham Bell 1938

(Don Ameche, Henry Fonda, Loretta Young) [1h 38m]

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b)

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6. How did Bell and his partner discover the “undulating current” which is the basis of telephone transmissions of sound?

7. Why didn’t Mabel’s father want Alexander Graham Bell to marry his daughter?

8. How did Alexander respond to the father’s refusal of his daughter?

9. What was Mabel’s response to Alexander’s decision (#8)?

10. What did Alexander Graham Bell discover as he was talking to his partner which helped him know how to make the telephone?

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11. What did Mr. Bell propose to obtain after discovering what he did (#10)?

12. How did the assistant obtain food to keep them alive as they proceeded with their experiments?

13. What was the best Christmas present ever from “George” to his father?

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14. In 1876, Mr. Bell discovered the transmitted current which led to the telephone. What was his discovery?

15. In the first presentation of the telephone from 20 miles away, name three parties who were heard by the crowd with Mr. Bell.

a)

b)

c)

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16. How did Mr. Hubbard and the others in the room react to Mr. Bell’s discovery of the telephone?

17. Which country did accept Alexander Graham Bell’s idea of the telephone?.

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18. Where was the first installation of the telephone done in England?

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19. Which company stole Alexander Graham Bell’s patent and idea for the telephone?

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20. What happened because of the stolen patent in terms of Mr. Bell’s business in America?

21. What part of Alexander Graham Bell’s discovery did the American Speaking Telephone Company steal?

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22. During the law suit, what was Alexander Graham Bell’s defense? In other words, what evidence did he offer the court to prove his case?

23. Give the dates for the following:

a) the first voice sent over a wire in history

b) the undulating current was discovered

24. What was the proof that eventually turned the case in Alexander Graham Bell’s favor? When was this documentation written.

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25. What date was on the back of the love letter when Alexander Graham Bell wrote the note to the Williams Electric Company for supplies for the undulating current?

26. Name three items that characterized this inventors life in terms of his lifestyle?

27. Which company came to Mr. Bell to admit that his patent was indeed valid and that they and he had been deceived?

28. What was one stock worth in the New York Stock Exchange for Alexander Graham Bell’s telephone?

29. What was the new thought for another invention that Alexander Graham Bell had?

1. Was this film worth watching in terms of seeing an inventors life and lifestyle? Give a couple of examples from the movie that impressed you.

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1. What were the two projects that Alexander Graham Bell was working on mentioned in the first ten minutes of the movie?

a) **“George” the deaf mute**

b) **the telegraph**

2. What explanation did Alexander Graham Bell give for a person being mute from deafness?

**The problem is with their ears, not their voice. Deaf people never learned to speech because they could never hear speech.**

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3. After meeting Mabel and falling in love, what did Alexander Graham Bell say he wanted to work on as his invention?

# The telephone – sound travelling through a wire for communication purposes

4. Why did Alexander Graham Bell get kicked out of his apartment?

#### He couldn’t pay the rent because he spent all his money on his experiments/inventions

5. What happened to “George” after Mr. Bell was kicked out of his apartment?

**He would only be with him on occasion because he had to work to make money as well as spend time working on his experiments**

6. How did Bell and his partner discover the “undulating current” which is the basis of telephone transmissions of sound?

# The assistant, being angry from hunger and frustration, accidentally struck a spring which gave a tone.

7. Why didn’t Mabel’s father want Alexander Graham Bell to marry his daughter?

Alexander was poor and had no bank account; he could not hold a job because of his experiments so the father assumed he was irresponsible.

8. How did Alexander respond to the father’s refusal of his daughter?

## He was going to work at a company to make money and he would teach deaf people as a side job. He was sending his partner to work also. He basically gave up hope on his inventions but he wanted to marry Mabel.

9. What was Mabel’s response to Alexander’s decision (#8)?

She told him that if he gave up his work on the telephone that she would never marry him. In other words, she supported him wholeheartedly.

10. What did Alexander Graham Bell discover as he was talking to his partner which helped him know how to make the telephone?

## The human ear’s function would be the key to unlocking how to create the telephone system.

11. What did Mr. Bell propose to obtain after discovering what he did (#10)?

A real human ear for examination and study purposes.

12. How did the assistant obtain food to keep them alive as they proceeded with their experiments?

He stole it.

13. What was the best Christmas present ever from “George” to his father?

## George was able to say, “Father” for the first time as his first words.

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He used acid in the water (sulfuric acid) and this allowed current to flow.

15. In the first presentation of the telephone from 20 miles away, name three parties who were heard by the crowd with Mr. Bell.

a) **singing by a quartet**

b) **coronet solo**

c) **woman who was rebuking Mr. Bell**

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16. How did Mr. Hubbard and the others in the room react to Mr. Bell’s discovery of the telephone?

**They did not accept the idea and thought it was a waste. Therefore, they would not support Mr. Bell**

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#### England

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#### Buckingham Palace

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#### The American Speaking Telephone Company

20. What happened because of the stolen patent in terms of Mr. Bell’s business in America?

**All his telephone accounts were cancelled and they could no longer do business in America.**

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#### Undulating Current

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His word. He had no written documentation at that time.

23. Give the dates for the following:

a) the first voice sent over a wire in history

**March 2, 1876**

b) the undulating current was discovered

**June 2, 1875**

24. What was the proof that eventually turned the case in Alexander Graham Bell’s favor? When was this documentation written.

#### A love letter written to Mabel on June 11, 1875

25. What date was on the back of the love letter when Alexander Graham Bell wrote the note to the Williams Electric Company for supplies for the undulating current?

**June 3, 1875**

26. Name three items that characterized this inventors life in terms of his lifestyle?

**slept in attic, starving, no quality writing paper**

27. Which company came to Mr. Bell to admit that his patent was indeed valid and that they and he had been deceived?

**Western Union**

28. What was one stock worth in the New York Stock Exchange for Alexander Graham Bell’s telephone?

**$1000**

29. What was the new thought for another invention that Alexander Graham Bell had?

**Men can fly.**

30. Was this film watching in terms of seeing an inventor’s life and lifestyle?