















ENERGY!

Energy cannot be created or destroyed—
it can only be changed from one form to another.

ELECTRICITY!

ELECTRICITY is the flow of tiny particles called ELECTRONS. This flow is called a CURRENT.

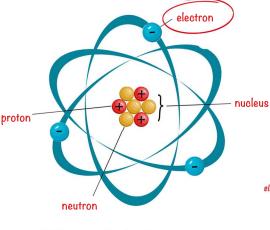
KINETIC ENERGY is the energy of motion.

Heat, light, and electricity are examples.

POTENTIAL ENERGY is stored for future use.

Chemical and nuclear energy are examples.





Thales • 600BCE the earliest known researcher of static electricity



William Gilbert ● 1600 studied static electricity by rubbing lodestone with amber electricus: from the Greek word elektron (amber)

Benjamin Franklin ● 1752



ALTERNATING CURRENT (AC) - an electric current that reverses its direction many times a second at regular intervals.

GROUNDED PLUG - added for safety to deliver excess electricity (that may have escaped the circuit) straight to the ground

The most common American wall outlets provide 110 volts of potential energy.

VOLTAGE - the 'push' that makes electrons move along a wire or conductor.



produce direct current electricity.

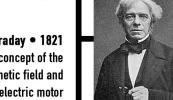




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proved lighting is electric in nature

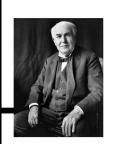
Alessandro Volta • 1800 alternated layers of zinc and copper to make the first reliable battery



Michael Faraday • 1821 established the concept of the electromagnetic field and invented the electric motor



found a direct connection between the voltage applied across a conductor and the resultant electric current



Thomas Edison • 1879
invented the world's first long-lasting
lightbulb and a direct current (DC)
lighting system

Nikola Tesla ● 1888 developed the world's modern alternating current (AC) system



DIRECT CURRENT (DC) - batteries, fuel cells, and solar cells all store and

INSULATOR • a material through which electricity does not flow easily

Current always flows in the same direction between positive and negative terminals.

Batteries are an example of potential chemical energy which is converted into electricity.

RESISTOR • a device which resists the flow of electricity

ELECTRON • the part of an atom with a negative electrical charge (-)

PROTON • the part of an atom with a positive electrical charge (+)

NEUTRON • the part of an atom without any electrical charge

CIRCUIT • a complete path which electricity can move through

SWITCH • a device which can open or close a circuit

VOLT • a unit for measuring the force that makes electrons flow

WATT • a unit of power equal to one joule per second

JOULE • amount of energy transferred when a force acts upon an object

