

History of Electricity- Key Moments in the Discovery of Electricity

600 BC

The Ancient Greeks found that pieces of amber rubbed with silk could pick up straw. They had unknowingly discovered static electricity.



1752 AD

Benjamin Franklin experimented by flying a kite in a storm, a very dangerous experiment. He proved that lightning is a form of electricity.



1800 AD

Alessandro Volta invented the first battery. The unit of electrical force, the volt is named after him.



1831 AD

Michael Faraday was the first to generate current electricity on a practical scale. Faraday discovered that when a magnet is moved inside a coil of copper wire, a tiny electric current ran through the wire.

1879 AD

Thomas Edison was a famous American inventor. He was responsible for inventing the first light bulb.

