

Unit 8 People and Events

Reading and Writing

一、词汇单选

1. The great _____ led his people to independence.

A. leader B. war C. invention D. world

2. Edison made many important _____ that changed our life.

A. wars B. inventions C. leaders D. changes

3. Columbus _____ America in 1492.

A. invented B. changed C. discovered D. led

4. The Second World _____ ended in 1945.

A. Leader B. Invention C. War D. Life

5. She has a _____ influence on modern art.

A. leader B. great C. war D. change

6. The Internet has _____ the way we communicate.

A. discovered B. invented C. changed D. led

7. He devoted his whole _____ to helping the poor.

A. war B. world C. life D. invention

8. Marie Curie is a _____ scientist who won two Nobel Prizes.

A. famous B. brave C. great D. important

9. The _____ is becoming smaller because of technology.

A. war B. leader C. world D. life

10. We should _____ our bad habits and develop good ones.

A. discover B. change C. invent D. lead

二、阅读理解

Yuan Longping, known as the "Father of Hybrid Rice", was one of the greatest scientists in China. He was born in 1930 and devoted his whole life to agricultural research.

In the 1960s, China faced a serious food shortage. Yuan Longping saw the suffering of hungry people and decided to solve this problem. After years of hard work, he successfully developed hybrid rice in 1973. This new type of rice produced much more grain than traditional rice.

Yuan's invention not only helped China solve its food problem but also benefited many other countries around the world. He continued his research until his last days, always dreaming of growing rice in the desert. He passed away in 2021, but his spirit will always inspire us to work hard and serve the people.

11. What is Yuan Longping known as?

- A. The Father of Modern China B. The Father of Hybrid Rice C.
The Father of Invention D. The Father of Agriculture

12. When did Yuan Longping develop hybrid rice?

- A. In the 1950s B. In the 1960s C. In 1973 D. In 2021

13. Why did Yuan Longping decide to study rice?

- A. Because he liked eating rice. B. Because he wanted to be famous.
C. Because he saw people suffering from hunger. D. Because his
parents asked him to.

14. What can we learn from Yuan Longping?

- A. We should give up when facing difficulties. B. We should work
hard and serve the people. C. We should only care about ourselves.
D. We should avoid hard work.

15. What is the best title for this passage?

- A. The History of Rice B. A Great Scientist — Yuan Longping
C. How to Grow Rice D. Food Problems in China