

## Unit 3: Changing History

### Reading 2: The Plastic Revolution

Answer the questions as you read.

1. What does the expression “Necessity is the mother of invention” mean? (paragraph 2)

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2. Why was the first plastic invented? (paragraph 2) \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What was Bakelite made from? (paragraph 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What helpful qualities did Bakelite have? (paragraph 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How was early plastic successfully used? (paragraphs 2 and 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What does *a turning point* mean in the second sentence of paragraph 4?

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7. What irony does the writer mention in paragraph 5? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. According to the article, what are bioplastics made from? (paragraph 6) \_\_\_\_\_

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