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The Electric Revolution

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Thomas Edison argued that electricity was too powerful and unpredictable, posing a danger to society. He conducted experiments to demonstrate these potential dangers, leading to the passage of the Edison Act of 1920.
2. The Volt Resistance were underground inventors and rebels who secretly developed and distributed small, portable electric devices that ran on hidden batteries. They operated from secret hideouts and defied the Edison Act, becoming heroes of the Electric Revolution.
3. The prohibition of electricity led to a return to a pre-electricity way of life, the emergence of speakeasies for electric-powered entertainment, and the rise of the Volt Resistance. It also changed public perceptions of technology and innovation.
4. The repeal of the Edison Act in 1933 marked the end of the prohibition of electricity and ushered in a new era of technological progress. It allowed society to fully embrace the benefits of electricity, leading to significant advancements in various fields.

