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Dennis Ritchie: The Man Who Helped Build the Digital World

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Without C and UNIX, computers might still be slow and difficult to program, and many modern apps and websites wouldn't exist.
2. We can learn that small but powerful ideas can change the world, even if the person behind them is not famous.
3. I would ask him what his next big invention would have been because he helped shape so much of modern computing.
4. Some inventors work behind the scenes and do not seek fame, but their ideas still change the world.

