Steve Jobs' Biography

Steve Jobs was an American businessman and inventor. In the 1970s, he co-founded Apple Inc., which has become one of the world's most successful technology companies. This extract from Steve's biography describes his personality and some key events in his life.

In his early twenties, Jobs almost single-handedly introduced the world to the first computer that could sit on your desk and actually do something all by itself. He revolutionized music and the ears of a generation with a spiffy little music player called the iPod and a wide selection of songs at the iTunes store. He funded and nurtured a company called Pixar that made the most amazing computer-animated movies — Toy Story, Cars, and Finding Nemo — bringing to life imaginary characters like never before.

Though he was neither an engineer nor a computer geek, he helped create one gotta-have-it product after another by always designing it with you and me, the actual users, in mind. [...] [M] ore insanely awesome technology was in the works, including the iPhone, which would put much of the power of a computer neatly into the palm of your hand. The father of four would be repeatedly compared with the inventor Thomas Edison and auto magnate* Henry Ford, who both introduced affordable, life-changing conveniences that transformed the way Americans lived.