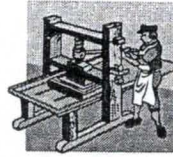## Major Inventions and Advancements in Technology (1850-1900)

Directions: Students should use their textbook to complete the chart on inventions and advancements in technology and their impact on American society.

Inventor	Invention(s) or Advancement	Impact on American life and business
		Enabled Americans to send a telegraph message.
Thomas A. Edison		
	The telephone	
The Transcontinental Railroad	Connected the Union and Central Pacific Railroads at Promontory Point, Utah	
		This process made it possible to produce large amounts of steel to enable a new age of building.
	Improved electricity	
Edwin L. Drake		