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Grade 8 Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Steve Jobs

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Steven Paul Jobs was an American information technology entrepreneur and inventor. He was the co-founder, chairman, and chief executive officer (CEO) of Apple Inc. Steve Jobs was born on February 24, 1955, he was adopted at birth in San Francisco, and raised in San Francisco Bay Area during the 1960s. As a boy, Jobs and his father worked on electronics in the family garage, Paul showed his son how to take apart and reconstruct electronics. A few years later, while Jobs was enrolled at Homestead High School, he was introduced to his future partner Steve Wozniak. In 1974, Jobs took a position as a video game designer with Atari. In 1976, when Jobs was just 21, he and Wozniak started Apple Computer. Jobs and Wozniak are credited with revolutionizing the computer industry by making machines smaller, cheaper, and accessible to consumers. Jobs in charge of marketing Apple initially marketed the computers for \$666.66 each. The Apple I earned the corporation around \$774,000. Three years after the release of Apple's second model, the Apple II, the company's sales increased by 700 percent to \$139 million. Jobs left Apple in 1985 to begin a new hardware and software enterprise called NeXT, Inc. The following year Jobs purchased an animation company which later became Pixar Animation Studios. The studio merged with Walt Disney in 2006, making Jobs Disney's largest shareholder. In 1996, Jobs returned to his post as Apple's CEO. Jobs put Apple back on track. Apple introduced products as the Macbook Air, iPod and iPhone, all of which have dictated the evolution of modern technology. In 2008, iTunes became the second-biggest music retailer in America. In the early 1990s; Jobs met Laurene Powell and they married on March 18, 1991, and lived in Palo Alto, California, with their three children. Jobs was diagnosed with a pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor in 2003 and died of respiratory arrest related to the tumor on October 5, 2011. Palo Alto. He was 56 years old.



Answer the questions.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
2. Underline five sentences in the passage that support the idea.
3. Write a summary. Tell what is the most important.