

ESSAY ABOUT A FAMOUS PERSON EXAMPLE

Nikola Tesla was undoubtedly one of the few of the most fascinating minds in the history of mankind. Without his invention we cannot imagine our lives and everyday life. How is it that such a genius may have died in poverty by leaving only debts? Many ask this question by expressing doubts about the fairness of the system, which, he claims, does not always reward excellence.

Tesla's immigrated to the United States in 1884 as a 28-year-old. He was without any money and immediately employed at then-known entrepreneur Thomas Edison at Edison General Electric. He earned \$ 18 a week, which is equivalent to today's \$ 440 value. Edison offered him a \$ 50,000 bonus (now worth one million) if he redesigned and improved the electric engine system. Tesla did it for only two months, but Edison did not pay him the promise, saying he just kidded. "Tesla, you do not understand our American humor," Edison explained to him, and instead of \$ 50,000 in reward, his weekly salary was raised to \$ 10. Tesla refused it and quit the same day. He started his own company, Tesla Electric Light & Manufacturing, but soon failed, so he had to do small business on the street to survive. In 1887 he founded the new company Tesla Electric Company and patented the AC power in several months. It turned out to be the most important invention in history. He got the offer from Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, which offered him an excellent proposal. They bought all his patents for \$ 60,000 plus 150 shares and \$ 2.50 per household that introduced electricity. He also received a salary of \$ 2,000 a month, worth \$ 48,000 today. Until 1890, just one year before his 35th birthday, Tesla became a millionaire. In today's value, as if he had \$ 25 million. However, Edison was not happy with this kind of event development because all of his Tesla's invention dismissed his engine with DC.

He launched a media campaign to convince Americans that Tesla's responsibility. Over the course of 20 years, he has spent money on several poor, but expensive, projects that have dropped in a row. He was bankrupt until he died. So, maybe those who say that this is evidence of some kind of unfair world, capitalism, society, anything - they are wrong. Tesla made his decisions and his material condition was solely the result of his personal choices. This does not diminish the greatness of this man and his influence on our civilization, but it should serve as a lesson. It is not enough to have a genius idea, we need to be aware its values and know how to sell it better. Besides, we need to be financially responsible.