US HISTORY

SHOCK TREATMENT

Directions: Read the article and answer the questions below. (Worth 10 Points)

**PART I: RIGHT THERE ON THE PAGE (True/False and Paragraph Number)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ William Kemmler’s execution resulted in him catching on fire. ( )

2. \_\_\_\_\_New York State banned death by electricity in 1888. ( )

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Edison was a supporter of capital punishment. ( )

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Westinghouse’s alternating current (AC) won the battle of the electrical currents. ( )

5. \_\_\_\_\_ The electric chair was an attempt by New York to make the death penalty more acceptable. ( )

**PART II: READING BETWEEN THE LINES (True/False and Paragraph Number)**

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Edison was trying to make alternating current (AC) unpopular so that his current (DC) would be chosen. ( )

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Westinghouse did not want his current used to carry out executions. ( / )

8. \_\_\_\_\_ AC required more voltage to kill than DC. ( )

**PART III: READING BEYOND THE LINES**

9. Based on its first attempt, do you feel the electric chair was successful in making the death penalty more acceptable to the American Public? Why or why not?

10. Why didn’t Edison put forth his own current (DC) to be used for the electric chair? What do you think he hoped to gain?