American Geniuses: Edison vs Tesla

1. What challenge is the team of young engineers under pressure to solve?
2. What invention has Edison already developed?
3. What is Edison attempting to develop next?
4. Why isn’t developing a new light bulb enough to convert the nation to electric lighting?
5. Who is the “other genius” attempting to solve the problem of electricity?
6. What limitation did Edison’s direct current electricity generators have?
7. What advantage did Telsa’s alternating current electricity generator have?
8. What “difficult task” does Edison give Tesla?
9. Why is Edison uninterested in using alternating current?
10. How does Edison treat Tesla when he shows up to collect his $50,000 bonus? What does Tesla do as a result?
11. What can Tesla’s alternating current power, in addition to lighting?
12. What company purchases Tesla’s alternating current concepts?
13. Why does Edison begin to electrocute animals with alternating current?
14. Why does Edison build an electric chair?
15. Why does the board of directors go behind Edison’s back and begin using alternating current?
16. What effect does the expense of the legal battles with Edison have on Westinghouse?
17. What does Tesla do to “keep his vision” of alternating current alive?
18. What mental illness does Tesla have that confuse and worry people of the time?
19. What is Tesla like at the end of his life?
20. How is Edison like at the end of his life?