



ANNA SUTHERLAND BISSELL

Words to know: CEO, diligence, experience, crockery, frustrated, mechanical, invention, inquire, patented, immediately, manufacturing, international, facet, implemented, progressive, policies, compensation, pension, and helm

Reread the bio of Anna Sutherland Bissell, paying close attention to the words above. If you are having difficulty with any of the words, use your dictionary, the Internet, or ask a friend for help.

Take out your journal and write Anna Sutherland Bissell at the top of a new page. Then respond to the following:

1. In what two centuries did Ms. Bissell live and work?
2. From the information given, can you discover about how old Ms. Bissell was when she died?
3. There is a saying that necessity is the mother of invention. Can you explain how that saying applies to the invention of the first vacuum cleaner?
4. Ms. Bissell was a very unusual woman and was more successful than most women and most men. What did she do to be sure she was ready to run a business?
5. What do you most admire about Anna Sutherland Bissell and why?
6. What do you think the employees of Bissell liked about working for the company? What would one of them have included in a letter of appreciation to Anna? Turn to a new page in your journal and write a letter of thanks. Remember to use your best letter writing skills and be specific concerning what you are thankful.

Be sure to color in the state in which Ms. Bissell was born on the map of the United States. On the back of the map, write Anna's full name and the name of the state in which she was born.

Stretching Your Thinking: What need do you see around you that might lead to your becoming an inventor? If you invented a successful product like the vacuum cleaner, would you be able to run the company that sold it? How do you think you would go about selling it in other countries? Would you be sure to take care of all your employees with benefits? Can you think of benefits you think workers would like to have?