

Letters and the Lamp

Who invented the lamp?

Here are some questions for you to answer:

1. Did Davy and Stephenson work in the same part of the country? Where did each man work?
2. Did Davy and Stephenson discuss their ideas with each other?
3. Which of these statements is true? Underline one answer: Davy and Stephenson invented their different safety lamps independently of one another; Davy and Stephenson wrote each other letters; Davy's and Stephenson's safety lamps were the same.
4. Did all of the miners prefer either Davy's or Stephenson's safety lamp, or did some prefer Davy's and some prefer Stephenson's?
5. Why are Davy's and Stephenson's letters important documents?