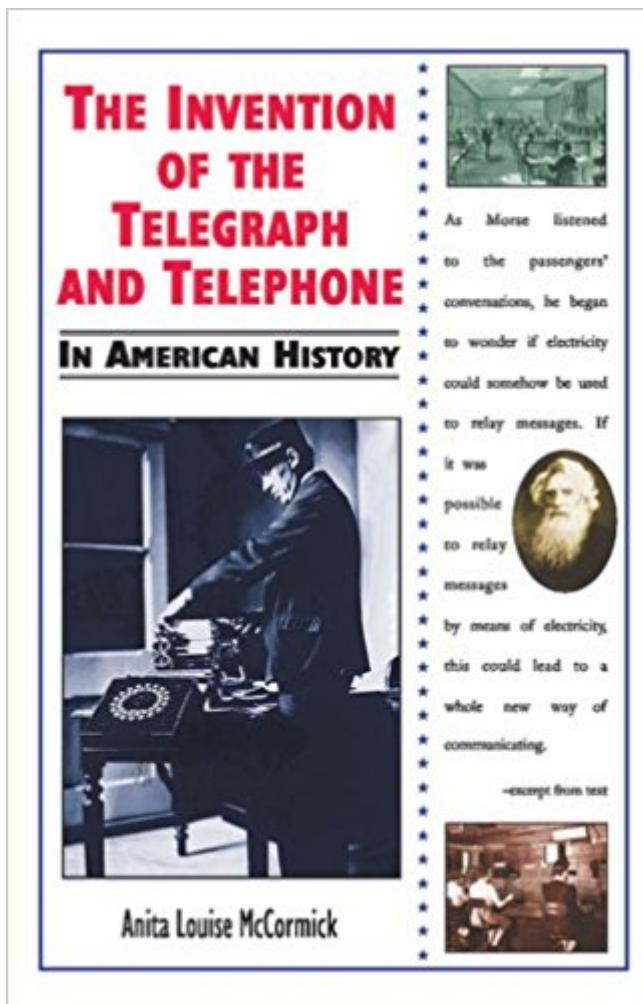


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As Morse listened to the passengers' conversations, he began to wonder if electricity could somehow be used to relay messages. If it was possible to relay messages by means of electricity, this could lead to a whole new way of communicating.

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