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## John DeLorean

### A Biographical Reading Exercise

#### Vocabulary Words

blockbuster	classics	competition
critics	dramatic	immortalized
industry	influenced	innocent
manufacture	market	marvel
notable	patents	promoted
sequels	sting	subdued
transmission	wooing	



In 1985, a **blockbuster** movie about a time machine began showing in theaters. But it wasn't just any time machine. It was built into a silver DeLorean sports car. As Doc Brown explained in the movie, "The way I see it, if you're going to build a time machine into a car, why not do it with some style?" The movie, *Back to the Future*, **immortalized** a troubled car and the man who created it.

John DeLorean was born in 1925 in Detroit. The American automobile **industry** began there. He studied to be an engineer while working part time at a Chrysler factory. He served in World War II, and for a while sold life insurance.

When he saw the opportunity to work at Chrysler as an engineer, DeLorean took the job. But the **competition** for his skills was high, and soon he was hired away to work at Packard. There, he gained fame by making a **dramatic** improvement to one car's **transmission**. It became known as the Twin-Ultramatic, an engineering **marvel**. DeLorean was a young and rising star in Detroit. Soon, General Motors was **wooing** him with a higher salary and his choice of job. In 1956, he took the leap.

As an engineer at GM's Pontiac division, he filed many **patents** and created several new car designs. One design was the Pontiac GTO, the first muscle car. His

designs **influenced** car models across General Motors. Other car companies copied them.

In 1972, DeLorean was **promoted** to vice president of all car and truck production. However, he did not fit well within the rest of General Motors. DeLorean was flashy, not **subdued** like other executives. If he was going to do what he really wanted to do, DeLorean had to leave.

In 1973, DeLorean resigned from GM to form the DeLorean Motor Company. He hired an Italian designer to create the body shell of an amazing sports car. Nothing else looked like it. The outside was unpainted stainless steel. Its most **notable** feature was a pair of gull-wing doors which opened sideways and up. He built a new factory in Ireland to **manufacture** it.

The DeLorean car was late to **market**. When it was finally released in 1981, car buyers were not interested in sports cars. **Critics** said that the car was expensive and underpowered. The company produced only 9,000 cars, and only sold half of them.

Desperate to keep his company alive, DeLorean agreed to finance an illegal drug deal. However, it turned out to be a **sting** operation by the police. A court later found DeLorean **innocent**, but it was too late to save his car company.

This would be the end of the story if not for Back to the Future. The DeLorean car was the star of the movie, and went on to be the star in two **sequels**. Both the movie and the car became cult **classics**. The DeLorean may be a car with many problems, but it is in high demand by car collectors today.

John DeLorean died in 2005, at the age of 80. At the time, he was trying to raise money to restart his car company. His heart never left the automobile industry.

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