

Name: _____ Date: _____

Ed. Link's Passion:

(Some answers students may use)

Times of Preparation in Pursuit of Link's Passions:	Opportunities Link Took Advantage of:
He read every engineering book he could find,	He visited his mother in California and she lived near an airfield.
He decided to work with his hands in his father's factory as opposed to attending school.	He would taxi planes for the pilots on the airfield.
He took flying lessons and saw how dangerous it was to learn how to fly.	Used his father's piano factory to create a ground-based flight simulator, "The Pilot Maker."
He learned from the pilots on at the airfield and learned about the cockpit instruments and controls.	The Depression made pilot training too expensive and not practical, so Link changed his marketing approach and sold them to amusement parks to get money (cash flow). He adjusted his plans.
He took out a patent to protect his invention.	1933 was a bad winter. Pilots were not trained to fly at night or in bad weather.
Link flew to meet the Army at night in bad weather to show he could land just using the	In 1933, there were 66 U.S. Army Air Corp (forerunner of the U.S. Air Force) plane accidents
	World War II broke out and Army wanted to save fuel and preserve the planes. The Simulator was



