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Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram.

Thomas Edison's laboratory developed many inventions, but none was better than the motion picture machine. This 1893 invention led to modern movies, which are a great source of pleasure to many people. Movies allow people to imagine, dream, explore, and ponder. Surveys show that for many people movies are a major source of entertainment. Who doesn't have a favorite movie or

look forward to seeing a new film? As the years go by, movies often become cherished memories. Movies help to make life interesting, and many people watch them over and over. While the light bulb is practical and the phonograph is astounding, the best to come out of his lab was a system for making motion pictures. Thanks to Thomas Edison, we can all go to the movies!

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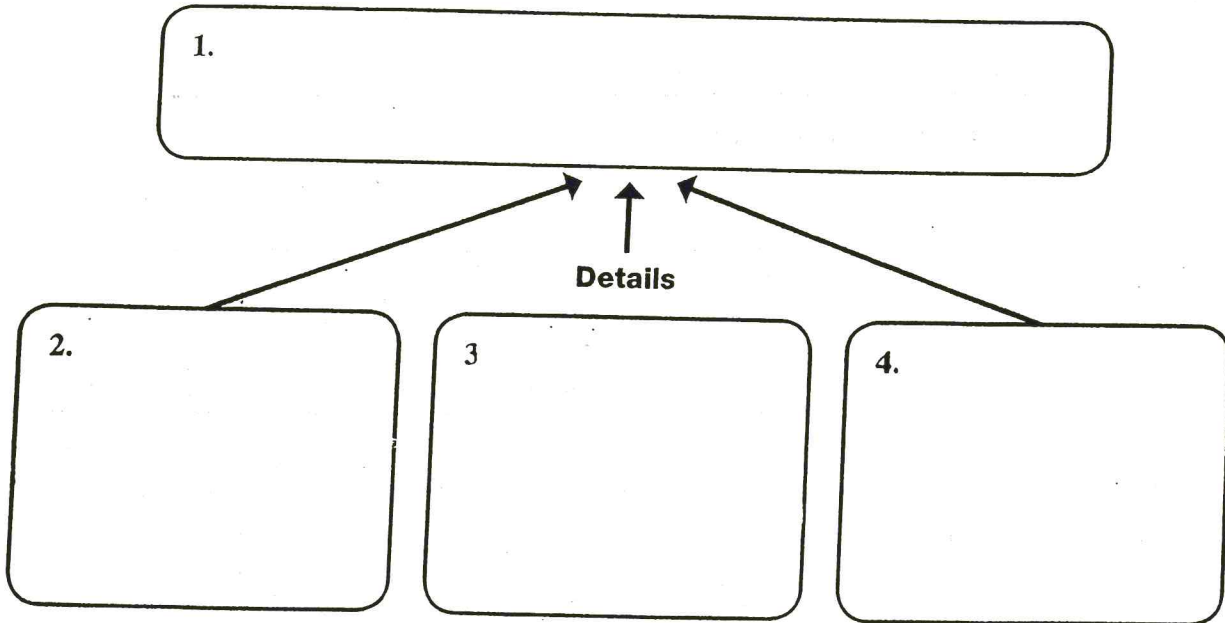
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One very cool invention is the refrigerator. Before refrigeration, it was difficult to store and ship fresh food. In the early twentieth century, food was kept cold with a block of ice in a cabinet called an "icebox." The cooling process used in today's refrigerators dates back to Michael Faraday's experiments in

the eighteenth century with liquefying ammonia. The first refrigeration machine was designed in 1805 by the American inventor Oliver Evans. Other inventors improved on this device. The first commercial home refrigerator was sold in 1911 by General Electric. Today no home would be without one.

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5. How did the author's language or style help meet the purpose?
