Steve Jobs

Computers are everywhere today: in businesses, homes, hospitals, and schools. We take them for granted, and most kids can’t imagine life without them. Although he didn’t invent computers, Steve Jobs and his partner were the first to design and successfully produce a small computer.

Steve Jobs grew up in northern California, where he loved to repair all kinds of mechanical devices. After a short time in college, he got a job designing early video games. He left to travel to exotic lands but eventually moved back to northern California. There he got together with old friend and fellow electronics buff Steve Wozniak. They were very interested in computers and joined a club for people who were exploring the growing field.

At that time, computers were huge and extremely expensive; they filled up entire rooms! Jobs thought that if they could decrease the size and cost, there would be a huge market for personal computers. People would want them for their homes and businesses. The two Steves got together and formed Apple Computer Company. Investors loaned them the money to build their designs. Eventually they built the Apple II, and it created the excitement they had desired.

Other successes and several failures followed, and Jobs departed from the company. Later, after co-founding the successful animation studio Pixar, he returned to head Apple again. The company excelled at creating a variety of computers and other innovative electronic devices. Many people, especially those who are fans of Apple’s well-designed products, regard Steve Jobs as an inspiring leader.