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- 1. In what year did Edith Flanigen receive an award for her invention?
- True or false: Elizabeth Hausler invented the lifesaving material used to make bulletproof vests.
- 3. How many years after Stephanie Kwolek received an honor did Aviva Presser get a prize?

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