Shocking Revelations: 
The Performance of Electricity

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During our research program we were tasked with completing bibliographic close reading and annotation of sources relating to:
- Inventions: Lightning Rod and Light Bulb
- Inventors: Edison, Tesla, and Westinghouse
- Myths: Phaethon
- Performers: Loie Fuller
- Scientists: Luigi Galvani and Marie & Pierre Curie

The goal of our project was to expand on previous research surrounding electricity and invention during the past three hundred years. This information will be used to form the basis of our next devising project in the Fall of 2015.

Building on our extensive research, we used the ideas we encountered to explore and develop stories through creative writing and physical theatre workshops.

We also designed and constructed puppets to experiment with certain concepts in performance. We started with basic models in shadow puppetry and moved onto more physical embodiments using metal fabrication and costume design.

Bibliography:

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