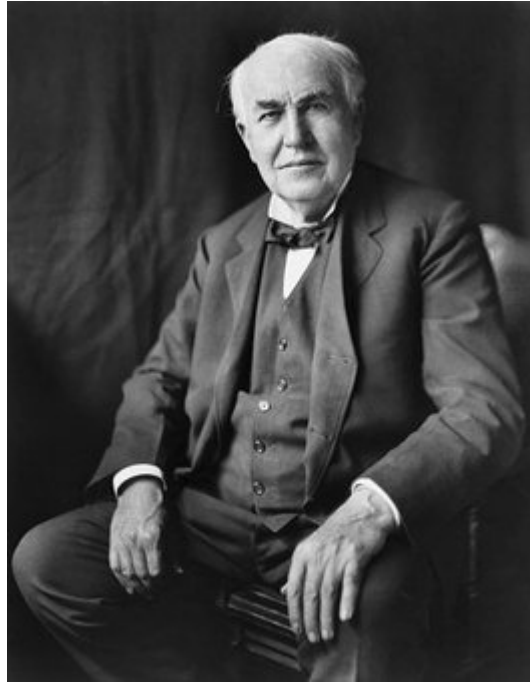


S1 Thomas Edison



- Thomas Edison is one of the most important and famous inventors in the world.
- He was born in 1847 in Ohio, USA.
- He was not a very good student at school. He was home schooled by his mother.
- When he was young, he saved a child from being hit by a train. To thank him, the child's father trained him as a telegraph operator. This is how he became interested in communications.
- He has the patents and credits for many inventions. His three most important inventions were:
 - The Phonograph – the first machine to record and playback sound
 - The Light Bulb – he did not invent electric light, but he made it practical and easy to use in the home

- The Motion Picture – he was one of the first people to make movies
- His middle name was Alva and his family called him Al.
- He was partially deaf, meaning his hearing wasn't very good.
- In his lifetime he acquired 1,093 patents. Having a patent means that your work is protected, and people can't copy it for a certain number of years.
- The first words recorded on the phonograph were from the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb".
- He died in 1931.