
THOMAS EDISON FUN FACTS

Thomas Edison was a famous inventor who changed the world with his ideas. One of his most important inventions was the light bulb, which made it possible for people to have electricity and light in their homes at night. He also created the phonograph, a machine that could record and play sound, and worked on motion pictures, which helped lead to movies. Edison's laboratory in Menlo Park was one of the first places where teams of people worked together on inventions. Over his lifetime, he earned more than 1,000 patents for different ideas. He didn't invent the first light bulb, but he made it better by improving the filament so it would last longer.

THOMAS EDISON WORD SEARCH

EDISON INVENTOR	LIGHTBULB ELECTRICITY	PHONOGRAPH SOUND	MOTION MENLO	PATENTS FILAMENT
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WOULD YOU RATHER QUESTIONS

Would you rather...work in Edison's invention factory or be an actor in his Black Maria film studio?

Live in West Orange, New Jersey, where Edison built his new laboratory, or work with him in Menlo Park?

Invent something that helps people communicate (like the stock ticker) or something that lights up the world (like the first practical light bulbs)?

Be a telegraph operator like young Thomas Edison or a full-time inventor like adult Edison?

Build a motion-picture projector or an alkaline storage battery?

QUESTIONS TO PONDER ABOUT THOMAS EDISON

If Edison had never invented the phonograph, how do you think the music industry would have changed?

Edison faced failures before his successful inventions. How do you think failure helped him improve?

Why do you think Edison's own laboratory was so important for new discoveries?

If you could improve one of Edison's inventions, what would you change and why?

How did Edison's inventions impact life in New York City and other major cities?

