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# THOMAS EDISON

## Part 1

Fill in the blanks!



### Word Bank

\*Not every word will be used

modifications	Ohio	struggle	patents
1847	communicate	transmit	light bulb
device	New Jersey	philosophy	1931
inventor	inspiration	telegraph	
inventions	perspiration	phonograph	



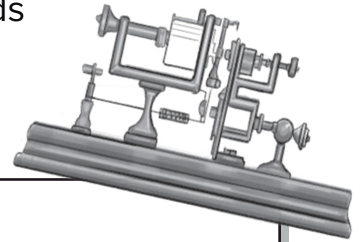
1. Thomas Alva Edison was born in 1847 in the state of Ohio.
2. Many of his inventions helped people to communicate.
3. Some of his inventions were modifications that improved existing technology.
4. Edison modified the telegraph so that it could transmit four messages at the same time.
5. As an inventor, his philosophy could be summarized by the saying, "If there's a better way, find it."
6. Working in a lab in the state of New Jersey, Edison became known as the "Wizard of Menlo Park."
7. Edison's light bulb brought electric light into people's homes.
8. Edison believed that genius was 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration.
9. Edison's phonograph was a device that played recorded sound.
10. Edison held over 1,000 patents by the time of his death in 1931.

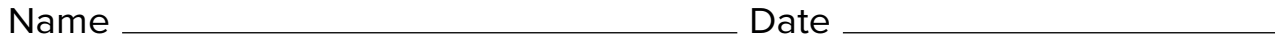


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## Part 2: Design an Ad

Choose one of Edison's inventions or modifications. Think about what problem he designed it to help solve. Then, create an advertisement to encourage people to buy it. Your ad can use pictures and words and should include information about the invention and how it will help people.





### Part 3: Examine a Quote

Choose one of these quotes by Thomas Edison. Summarize Edison's message. Explain how the quote connects to Edison's life and how it could connect to your own.

## Quotes

"I find out what the world needs. Then I go ahead and try to invent it."

“I have far more respect for the person with a single idea who gets there than for the person with a thousand ideas who does nothing.”

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.”

