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Who invented the electric light bulb?

Thomas Alva Edison was a great scientist and inventor who created more than a thousand inventions throughout his life.

He was born in Ohio. One day, Edison's mother gave him a book of experiments that changed his life. The young Edison liked the book so much that he wanted to do all the experiments.

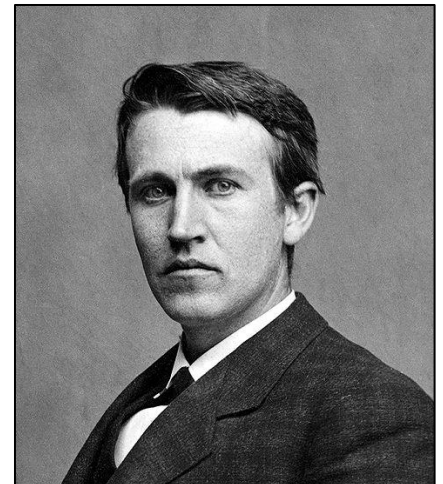
His family was very poor. So, Thomas sold newspapers and candy on trains to get money to do his experiments.

In time, Edison invented a device to record sounds and a movie projector. Edison's most important invention was the electric light bulb. He was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal as one of the most important men in the country.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. Where was Thomas Edison born?

- a. Iowa
- b. Ohio
- c. Virginia
- d. None of the above



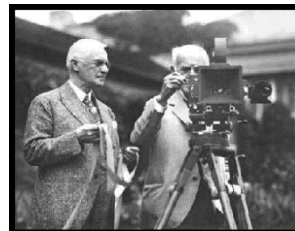
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2. What was the most important invention of Thomas Edison?

- a. a device for recording sound
- b. a movie projector
- c. trains
- d. the electric light bulb

3. What gift did Thomas Edison's mother give him that changed his life?

- a. a book of experiments
- b. a newspaper
- c. candy
- d. an electric toy



4. Congress awarded him with _____.

- a. money
- b. a movie
- c. his own newspaper
- d. the Congressional Gold Medal

