**Thomas Edison's Birthday**

In recognition of the great contributions that inventors have made to the world, National Inventors Day is celebrated on February 11. This date was chosen because Thomas Edison was born on February 11, 1847.

Thomas Edison was an American inventor, scientist, and businessman and is known as one of the most prolific inventors of all time. Edison invented more than 1,200 items, including the light bulb and phonograph.

As a young boy, Edison was curious and outspoken. He only attended school for three months, as his teachers complained that his mind wandered and referred to him as "addled" (confused, mixed up, empty).

Instead, Edison was taught reading, writing, and arithmetic at home by his mother, who was a former teacher. In his adult years, Edison said, "My mother was the making of me. She was so true, so sure of me; and I felt I had something to live for, someone I must not disappoint."

Thomas Edision said, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration." What do you think Edison's quote means? Click or tap here to enter text.

How important is Edison's invention of the light bulb in your every day life? Click or tap here to enter text.

Thomas Edison had little formal education. Do you think his lack of schooling would prevent him from becoming an important inventor today? Click or tap here to enter text.

What do you think is the most important invention of all time? Why? Click or tap here to enter text.