

# Thomas Edison

The Light Bulb

# Background on Edison

- Born February 11, 1847
- One of first inventors to use mass-production
  - First research laboratory
- Telegraph operator
  - Led to a system of electric-power generation and distribution

# Major Invention

- The light bulb
- Referred to today as “The Edison Bulb”



# Impact on Society at the Time

- Electricity in homes and shops is introduced
- Artisans could work later hours, more things accomplished
- Not all work done by sun/candle/fire light

# Lead to...

- Patents on things like motion picture devices, sound recording, utilities, and more
- Today's electric car

# Influence

- Thomas Edison was an influential inventor in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and his inventions lead to new inventions in todays society