Thomas Edison

Early life -

Thomas Edison was born on the 11th of February 1847 in Ohio which is in the USA. He was the youngest of seven children.Due to scarlet fever, he had hearing difficulties and eventually, he became completely deaf. Surprisingly, he wasn’t very good at school so his mother, who was a teacher, homeschooled him.His first lab was set up in his parents basement when he was ten. When he was young, he made his own newspaper for train passengers and it was called Daily Trunk Herald. This career was successful until one day. He was experimenting with chemicals and then, he set fire to one of the train cars! After this, he continued selling newspapers but he gave them to people on the railway.

Experiments and inventions -

Edison gave up his job and started working on experiments,which mainly involved electricity, when he was 22.He set up his own laboratory a few years later to make it easier to conduct his experiments.Soon after that,an American company named Western Union encouraged him to invent something to rival the telephone which had been invented by Alexander Graham Bell.Edison criticized Bell's invention by saying it didn’t work well and later in his life, he made improvements to Alexander’s invention.However, Edison never could invent something better than the telephone but he did still invent famous inventions.

 His first invention was the phonograph which could playback sounds, music etc:.That wasn’t what he was most famous for though.His most famous invention was probably the light bulb.This was the first light bulb to last for a long time.The design was by two english scientists that tried to make the light bulb but failed.He became so famous that Henry Ford asked him to make a battery to power his cars and when Edison did it, the two became friends.

Death and legacies -

 Now, Thomas Edison is seen as one of the most important inventors.He passed away aged 84 in New jersey from diabetic problems on October 18th 1931.Even now almost everyone in the world has used one of his inventions.Even over 100 years later,almost everyone has used the light bulb.

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