



**Thomas Edison** - On February 11, 1847 Thomas Alva Edison, American inventor, was born in Milan, Ohio. His inventive genius received 1,200 patents including those for incandescent electric lamp, phonograph, and key parts to the movie camera and telephone transmitter. Edison said, "Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration." His birthday is often celebrated as "Inventors Day" to encourage children to try their hands at inventing.