

INFORMATION ABOUT THOMAS EDISON

from the Edison Birthplace Museum

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EDISON QUOTES:

- “If you want a recipe for how to succeed as an inventor I can give it to you in a very few words, and it will do for a any other business in which you might wish to engage. First, find out if there is a real need for the thing which you want to invent. Then start in thinking about it. Get up at six o'clock the first morning and work until two o'clock the next morning. Keep on doing this until something in your line develops itself. If it doesn't do so pretty soon, you had better shorten your sleeping hours and work a little harder while you are awake. If you follow that rule, you can succeed as an inventor, or as anything else, for that matter.”
- “I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work”
- “Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 per cent perspiration.”
- “I never did a day's work in my life, it was all fun.”
- “If we all did the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves.”
- “To invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk.”
- “Your worth consists in what you are and not what you have.”
- “My mother was the making of me. She understood me; she let me follow my bent. She was so true, so sure of me; and I felt I had something to live for, someone I must not disappoint.”

SOME AWARDS AND HONORS

given to Thomas Edison

- 1881: Officer of the Legion of Honor - from the President of France.
- 1887: Matteucci Meda award by the Italian Society of Sciences.
- 1890: Elected a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.
- 1908: Edison received the American Association of Engineering Societies John Fritz Medal.
- 1915: Edison was awarded the Franklin Medal of The Franklin Institute for discoveries contributing to the foundation of industries and the well-being of the human race.
- 1920: The United States Navy department awarded him the Navy Distinguished Service Medal.
- 1923: The American Institute of Electrical Engineers created the Edison Medal and he was its first recipient.
- 1927: Made an honorary member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences.
- 1928: Awarded the US Congressional Medal of Honor.
- The Navy named a destroyer (boat) in 1940, during WWII, the USS Edison.
- Later, a nuclear-powered submarine was named the USS Thomas A Edison, commissioned in 1962.
- 1973: Edison was inducted into the National Inventors' Hall of Fame.
- 1977: Edison is awarded a Grammy on the 100th anniversary of the invention of the phonograph.

- 1983: Thomas Edison's birthday, Feb. 11, was designated as National Inventor's Day.
- 2008: Edison was inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame for his services to technology.
- 1947: His face appeared on a 3 cent US stamp on the 100th anniversary of his birth.
- 2004: A \$1 silver commemorative coin was minted with his face.
- 2010: Thomas Edison was named the "Man of the Millennium" by Time Magazine.
- 2010: Thomas Edison is awarded a Technical Grammy.
- 2012 A statue of Thomas Edison will represent Ohio in Statuary Hall at the US Capitol building in Washington, DC.

There is an asteroid named for Thomas Edison - 742 Edisona.