

Historical Figure Thomas Alva Edison

Facts about my historical figure	My connection to the fact
<p>Thomas Edison was called Al until he was about 20 years old. Then he started going by his professional name of Thomas.</p>	<p>I have always gone by the nickname of Christy which is short for Christine. Christine is my professional name I've used since my 20s.</p>
<p>Thomas only went to school for about 3 months. The teacher said he was addled and couldn't learn. Al's mom was a teacher and taught him at home. He loved to read and experiment.</p>	<p>My mom was a school teacher also. I loved school and reading too. I got a microscope kit for Christmas one year and did some experiments at home, too.</p>
<p>Thomas worked all the time. Instead of going home to sleep, he would take catnaps in his office or on a lab table. He neglected his wife and children, so he could work.</p>	<p>I work a lot too. I love naps, but have never napped at work. I have a difficult time balancing family and work.</p>
<p>Edison has over 1,000 patents to his name. The most of anyone before or since.</p>	<p>I have no patents, but I have had some swimming records. Others have broken my records.</p>
<p>While finding a long lasting filament, Edison tried over 7,000 different substances. He ended up using tungsten to make a long lasting incandescent light bulb.</p>	<p>I persevere also. When training for a race or earning a best time, I have to train hard and try different race strategies to achieve my goal.</p>

Edison invented the kinetoscope and the phonograph. He is the father of recordings and movies.

I love to listen to music and watch movies in my free time. I wouldn't be able to do this without Edison's inventions.

Resources used: biographies and websites on Edison