

## National Geographic Kids Readers: Thomas Edison

### Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before your child shares this book with you, ask your child if they know anything about lightbulbs, and gather their ideas. Challenge them to imagine how life without lightbulbs and artificial light would be.
- Look at the picture on the front cover and read Thomas Edison's name. Explain that he invented the first light bulb and many other things.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read more complex information books:
  - Help children read place names, e.g. Ohio, Port Huron, Michigan.
  - Talk about unfamiliar scientific words and their meanings, and show your child how to use the picture glossary to help with understanding vocabulary: *experiment, laboratory, patent, telegraph, phonograph*.
  - Show your interest in the information and be impressed by the facts that your child reads.
  - Look at Thomas Edison's own words and talk about what they mean.
  - Encourage your child to talk about what they have read, answering simple questions that you ask.
  - Encourage them to use the pictures to develop their understanding as they read from the text and captions.
  - Give them lots of praise and encouragement!
- Discuss how the people of the USA honoured Thomas Edison's life, and why he was such an important person.