

## **Thomas Edison: Comparison of Book and Website Facts**

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Grade level: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Subject: Social Studies

Standards:

- IL-ISBE-ELA-CC-2010.K-12.W.R.1 Text Types and Purposes: Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

Rationale: The purpose of this lesson is to teach students to compare and contrast biographies of important people in our history, while gaining a better understanding of their contribution to today's society.

Objective: Students will be able to compare and contrast two biographies of Thomas Edison.

Lesson Duration: 60 minutes

Assignment: Research Thomas Edison in the Library of Congress site [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov) and make a Venn Diagram comparing the information learned from the book and website.

Procedure:

1. Read *A Wizard from the Start* by: Don Brown to the class
2. Discuss the key parts of the story
3. Move class into the computer lab
4. Log onto [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)
5. Have them research Thomas Edison
6. Hand out the Venn Diagram Work sheet
7. Have the students fill out the Venn diagram, comparing and contrasting the information they learned from the book, and the information they learn online.

Materials:

1. *A Wizard from the Start* by: Don Brown
2. Computers for each child to use
3. Venn Diagram worksheet

Assessment:

Students will complete the Venn diagram and will be graded based on the following rubric:

CATEGORY	0	1-2	3-4	5-6
<b>Completion</b>	Students have no information	Students have 1-2 pieces of information	Students have 3-4 pieces of information	Students have 5-6 pieces of information

Book Reference:

Brown, Don. *A wizard from the start: the incredible boyhood & amazing inventions of Thomas Edison*.

(2010). New York, NY: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children.

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