

# LEWIS HOWARD LATIMER

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- ▶ Parents were born into slavery
- ▶ Born on September 4 1848
- ▶ Went to Grammar school
- ▶ He was good and skipped a grade

## EARLY LIFE



# WHAT IS HE FAMOUS FOR

- ▶ Improved the lightbulb to burn much longer.
- ▶ He was an inventor and scientist who helped Thomas Edison develop the electric light bulb.



# CHARACTER TRAITS WITH SUPPORT

- ▶ Really, really smart because he invented the lightbulb.
- ▶ Persistent because he never gave up.



# MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ▶ He worked on improving the electric lightbulb.
- ▶ He invented a bathroom for railroad cars and the threaded socket, which allows a lightbulb to be screwed into a fixture.





- ▶ As a boy, Lewis Latimer delivered William Lloyd Garrison's abolitionist newspaper the Liberator.
- ▶ Latimer also wrote poetry and played several musical instruments.

## INTERESTING FACTS

