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Though Thomas Edison is usually credited as the man who invented the lightbulb, the famous American inventor wasn't the only one who contributed to the development of this revolutionary technology.

Alessandro Volta, Humphrey Davy and Joseph Swan played a critical role in the development of this technology.