

All About

George
Washington
Carver



What do you know about peanuts?



Did you know that George Washington Carver invented over 300 uses for peanuts?



George Washington Carver is famous for his **inventions** as well as his **perseverance** to overcome **discrimination**.



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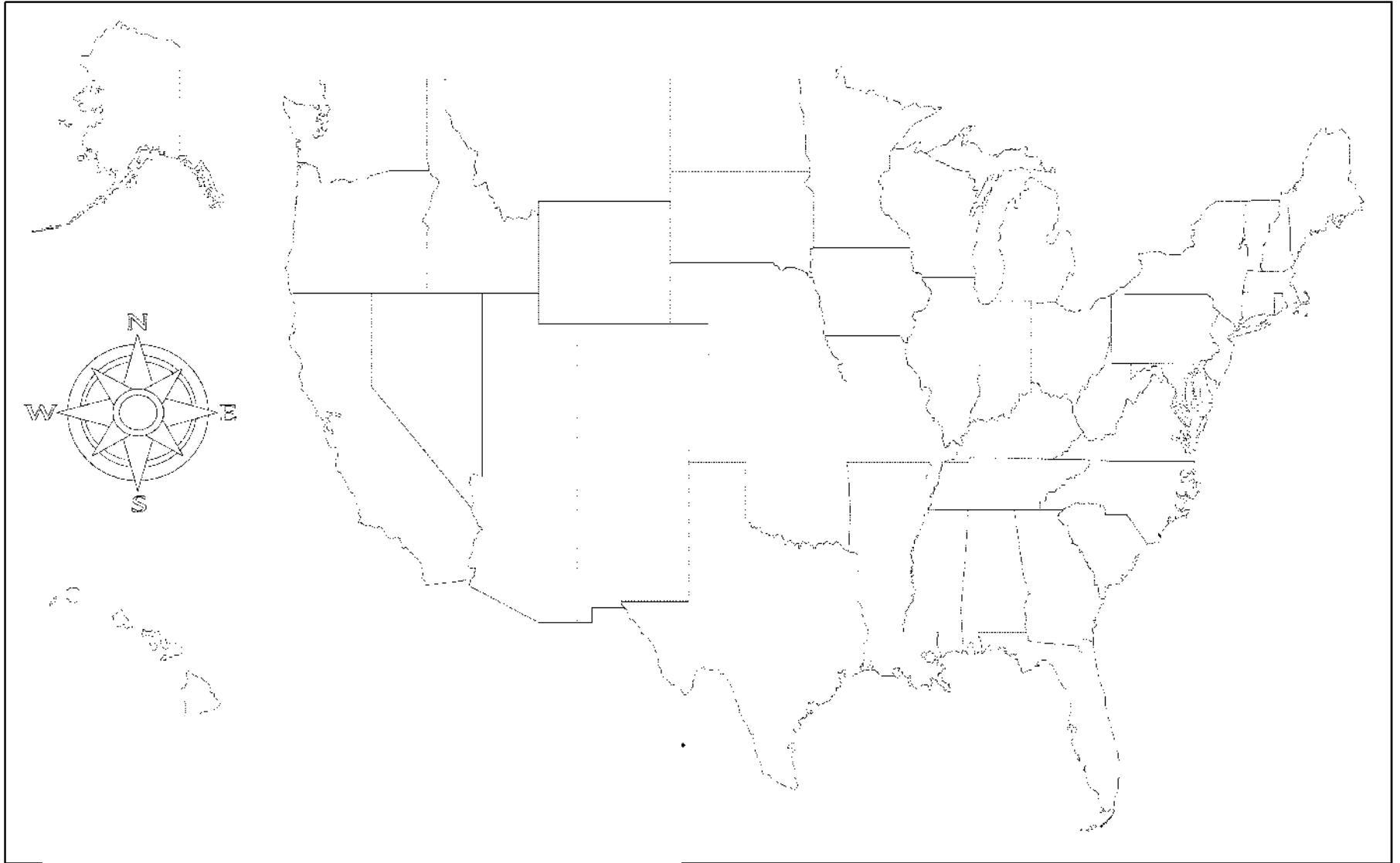
Carver was an African-American inventor, writer, educator, and botanist.

He is best known for his discoveries on uses for the peanut.

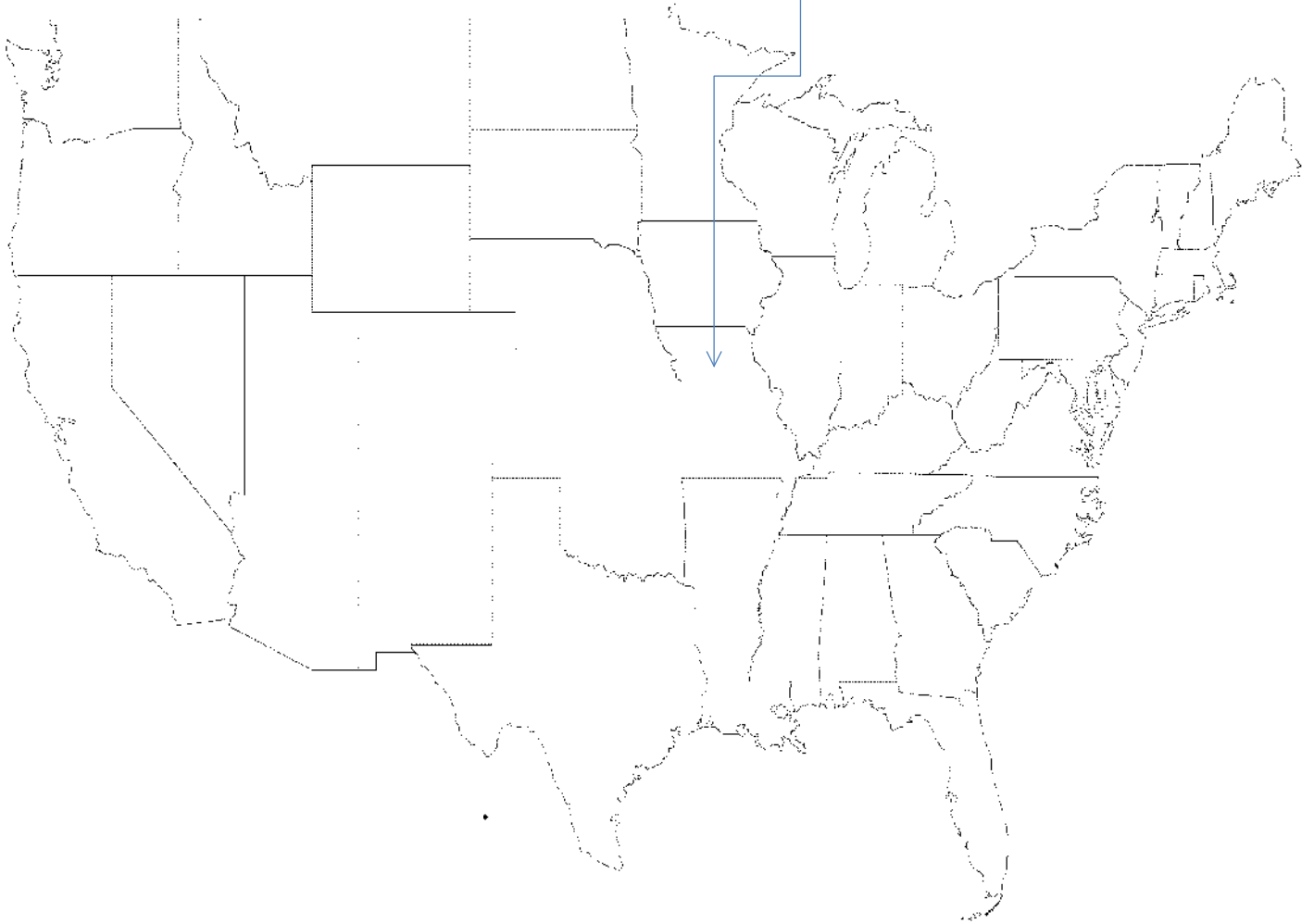
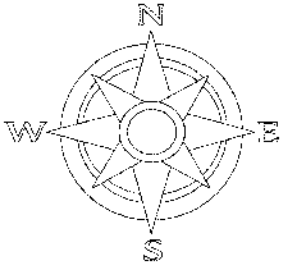
born 1864
in Missouri



Carver was born in Missouri.
Can you find it on the map?



Here is it!



Early Life

EQ: Who is George Washington Carver?

George Washington Carver was born in Missouri in 1864. His parents were slaves which made Carver a slave as well.

A week after his birth, George was kidnapped along with his sister and mother from the Carver farm by raiders from the neighboring state of Arkansas. Carver almost died. He was found by Moses Carver and returned to Missouri.



Early
Life

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The end of the **Civil War** in 1865 brought the end of slavery in Missouri, but this did **not** mean that African Americans were treated **equally**.

Carver loved to learn, but there were no schools that allowed black children. Carver was **determined** to learn!



Education

EQ: Who is George Washington Carver?

At the age of only 13, he moved to Kansas to a school that allowed black students.

Carver was very **smart**. He applied to a college in Kansas and was accepted because he had good grades. Carver was excited to learn! However, when he showed up to the school, he was told to leave because they did not want black students.



Education

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Again, Carver did not give up on his dreams. He worked on **experiments** with plants and soil. Carver loved art and science. He became the first black student at Iowa State Agricultural College. Carver became known as a brilliant **botanist**. He was so smart that a teacher persuaded him to stay on for his master's degree.



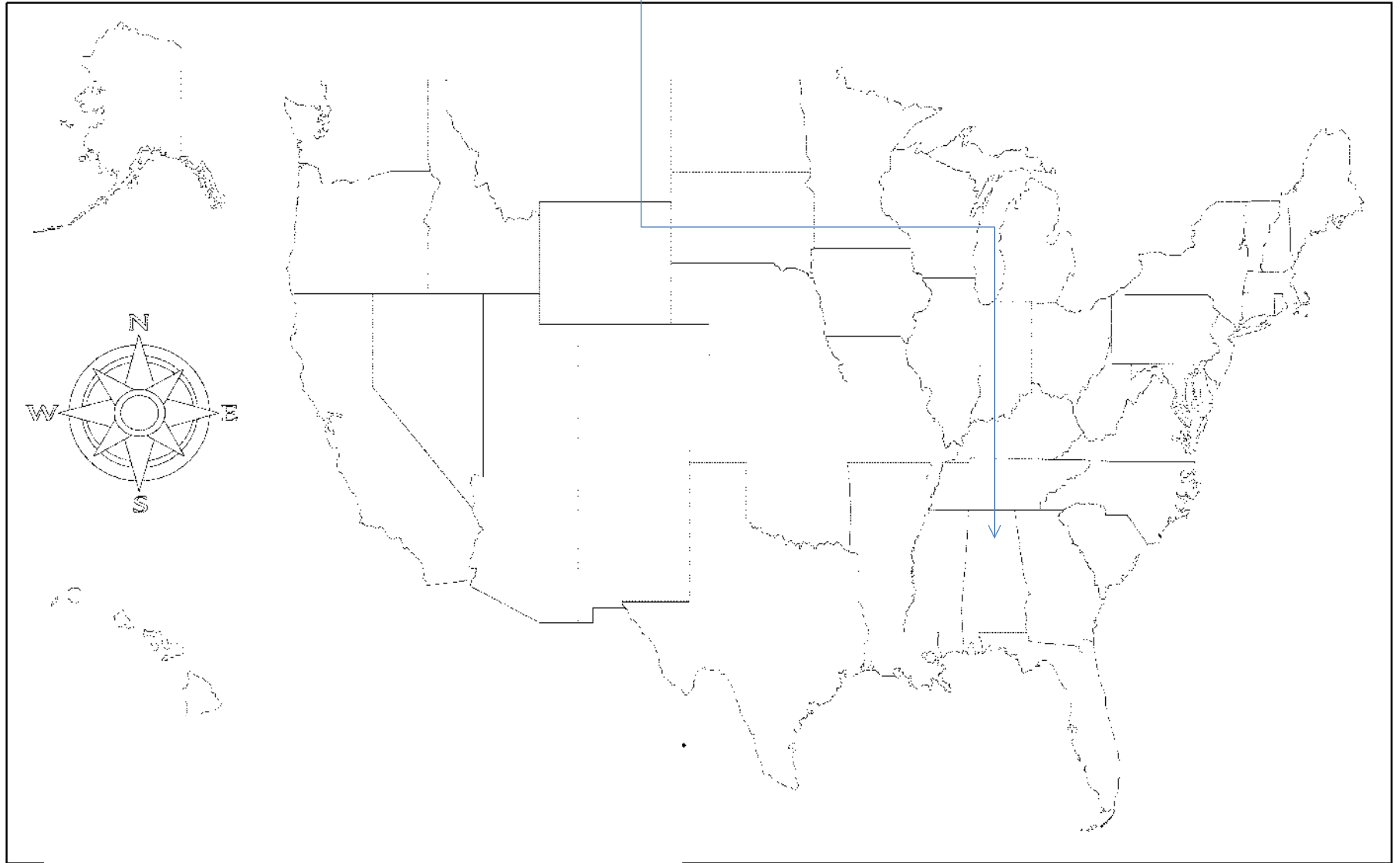
Professor

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Booker T. Washington hired Carver to come to the Tuskegee Institute in **Alabama** to run the school's agricultural department in 1896. Carver brought national fame to the Tuskegee Institute because of his knowledge and understanding of **crops** and **soil**.



Carver went to Alabama to teach poor farmers.



Claim to
Fame

EQ: Who is George Washington Carver?

George Washington Carver is known for being an inventor. An inventor is someone who sees a problem and creates something new to solve the problem.

Carver saw that poor black farmers were unable to reuse soil to plant crops. This was causing them to lose money. Carver helped them fix the soil by planting different crops.



Peanuts

EQ: Who is George Washington Carver?

George made many inventions, but he is most known for coming up with over 300 discoveries for the peanut plant!

He also created uses for sweet potatoes, soybeans and pecans.



Congress

EQ: Who is George Washington Carver?

George's discoveries with peanuts were so incredible that **Congress** asked him to speak to them. Many people did not like this because of Carver's skin color.

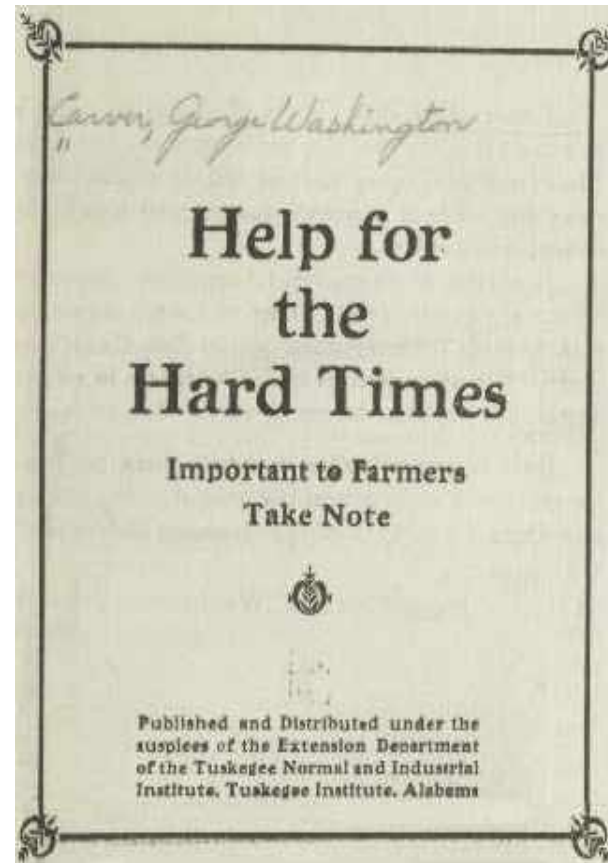
Despite his college degrees, discoveries, and undeniable intelligence, Carver still faced **discrimination**. Some of the congressmen laughed and made noise while Carver was speaking. Carver did not get discouraged! Congress listened to Carver and passed a law that helped peanut farmers. This added to Carver's fame.



author

EQ: Who is George Washington Carver?

George was also an **author**.
He wrote down information
about crops and soil.
Farmers used the information
to help them produce better
crops.



compare

EQ: How does our life compare and contrast to Carver's life?

Think about the ways your life is the same and different from Carver's life. Here are some things to think about:

transportation

houses

education

clothing

food

how people
communicated

Complete the Venn diagram comparing and contrasting your life to Carver's.



name _____

comparing and contrasting

Directions: Compare and contrast your life to Carver's life. Think about ways it is the same and ways it is different.



carver's life

same

my life



EQ: What is the difference
between a fact and an opinion?

An opinion is how someone thinks
or feels. It cannot be proven.

Opinion signal words

best, favorite, always, never, believe, think, feel,
should,
good/bad, most

Example – Carver is the smartest person in
the world!



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Examples –

Carver was born in Missouri.

Tuskegee Institute is in Alabama.



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Complete Fact/Opinion Sheet

Read the sentences and decide if it's a
fact or an **opinion**.

Circle your answer.



name _____

fact & opinion practice

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Write your own fact and opinion on the lines below.

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4.	I don't like to eat peanut butter sandwiches.	fact	opinion
5.	Everyone should recycle and spend time taking care of the Earth.	fact	opinion
6.	George Washington Carver is the most courageous person in American history.	fact	opinion
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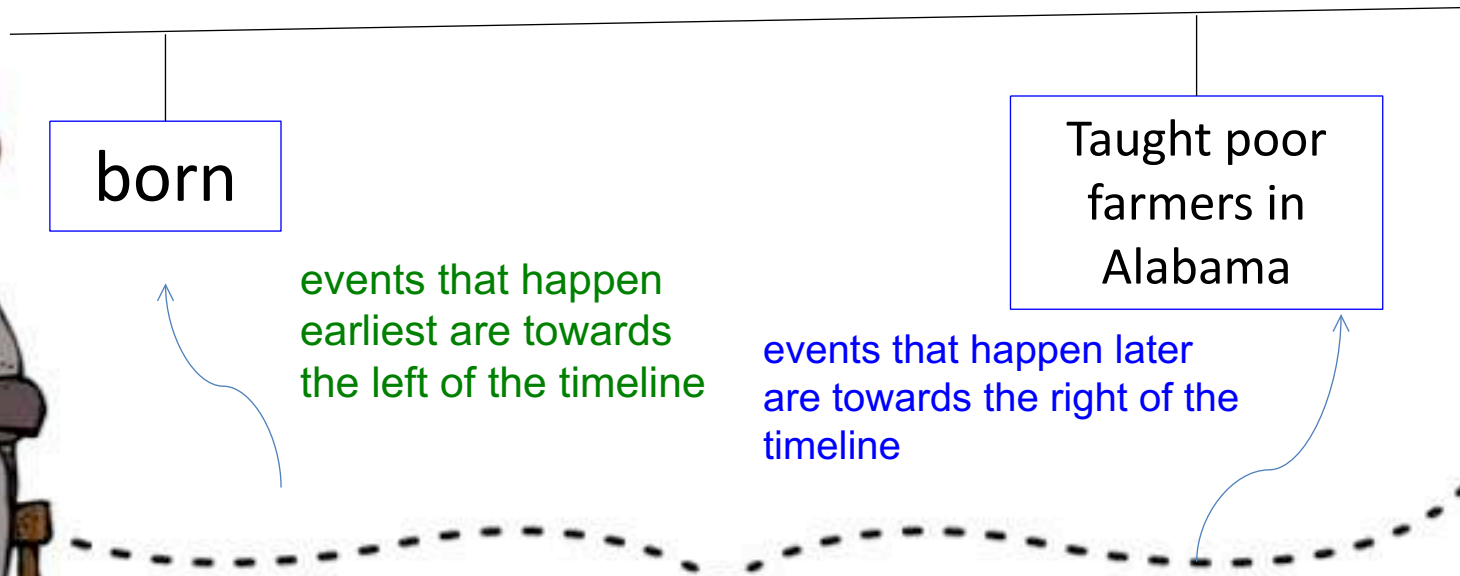
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A timeline is a way of displaying a list of events in **chronological order**.



EQ: How do I put events in order?

Complete the timeline on George Washington Carver.

Cut out the events, place them in order, check your answers, then glue the events to the timeline.



name _____

Carver's Timeline

Directions: Cut out the events from George's life. Put them in order and paste them in the boxes below.



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1877

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1943

cut here -----

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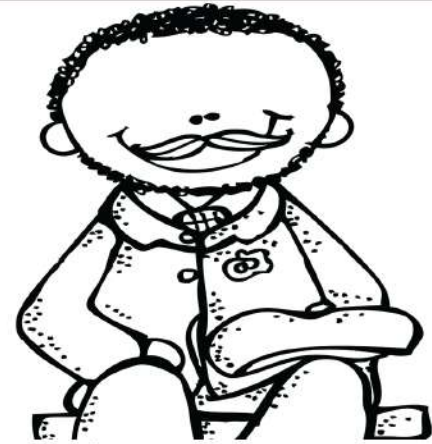
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Five empty dashed boxes for pasting the events in chronological order.

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perseverance not giving up even when something is difficult

equality the belief that all people should be treated the same or have the same opportunities

determination continuing to try to do or achieve something that is difficult

courageous the ability to do something that is known to be difficult or dangerous

Intelligence the ability to learn or understand things or to deal with new or difficult situations



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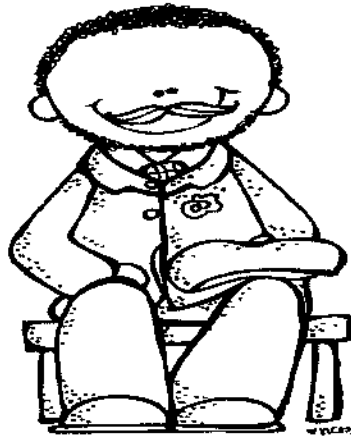
Complete the adjective bubble map on George Washington Carver. Use some of the character traits you have learned and add your own adjectives to the bubbles.



name _____

Describing George Washington Carver

Directions: Write adjectives in the squares that can be used to describe Carver.



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EQ: What are the most important facts about George Washington Carver?

We have learned many important facts about George Washington Carver!

We learned that he was born a slave in **Missouri**. Carver had to overcome discrimination because of his skin color. He was the first African American student to attend and graduate college. He showed the character trait of **perseverance** because he never gave up despite injustice. He used his education in plants and soil to help poor farmers in **Alabama**. He was also an **inventor** who is best known for discovering over 300 uses for the **peanut plant**. His inventions helped everyone.



name _____



george washington carver assessment

Directions- Read the question and circle either A,B, or C.
If you aren't sure, make your best guess!

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- a. Virginia & Maryland b. Texas & Missouri c. Missouri & Alabama

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- a. perseverance b. kindness c. hatefulness

4. Carver became the first African-American to _____.

- a. farm crops b. travel to Iowa c. graduate college & become a professor

5. Carver helped poor farmers make more money by teaching them about _____.

- a. reading and writing b. selling their crops c. plants that helped the soil

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