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Important People in the History of Agriculture

Electronic Scavenger Hunt

MSAGED6-2: Students will express an understanding of the history of agriculture.

Instructions: Through this activity, you will gain understanding about key inventors that had a significant impact on the history of agriculture. For each person, click on the hyperlink beside the name and use the webpage to answer the questions. Please type your answers below each question.

Eli Whitney: Inventor of the Cotton Gin

<http://www.history.com/topics/inventions/cotton-gin-and-eli-whitney>

1. What year did Eli Whitney patent the cotton gin?
2. How did the cotton gin revolutionize the production of cotton?
3. What college did Eli Whitney graduate from?
4. What was the name and location of the plantation Eli Whitney stayed on?
5. Which type of cotton did most farmers grow but was hard to clean?
6. Whitney's hand cranked cotton gin could remove seeds from how many pounds of cotton per day?
7. By the mid-19th century, cotton was America's _____.
8. What was an inadvertent result of the cotton gin?

John Deere: Inventor of the Steel Plow

<http://blog.machinefinder.com/9928/the-man-behind-the-company-a-john-deere-biography>

1. The history of John Deere has had an impact on the world's approach to what?
2. In what state was John Deere born?
3. In what trade did John Deere work?
4. What did John Deere discover about the wood and cast-iron plows he was repairing?
5. How many plows did he build and sell the first year?
6. What other invention did John Deere have in 1863?
7. What city is the headquarters for the John Deere Company?

Cyrus McCormick: Inventor of the Mechanical Reaper

<http://inventors.about.com/library/inventors/blmccormick.htm>

1. In what year did McCormick introduce the reaper to farmers?
2. Where was Cyrus McCormick from?
3. The paragraph describes four types of reapers that shows the progression of the invention. Describe how each reaper advanced over time.
4. What company was founded by McCormick?

George Washington Carver: Inventor of New Uses for Peanuts

<http://www.biography.com/people/george-washington-carver-9240299#synopsis>

1. Where was George Washington Carver born?
2. Who taught GWC how to read and write?
3. Because of his aptitude for drawing the natural world, his teacher encouraged him to enroll at what program at what university?
4. What did Booker T. Washington hire GWC for in 1896?
5. What areas of research and training did GWC focus on?
6. What method did GWC pioneer to bring lessons to farmers?
7. What crops did he focus on with his experiments?
8. What were some of the products he created using these crops?
9. How many products and uses did GWC create using peanuts?
10. What does Carver's epitaph (inscription on grave) read?