BECAUSE OF THEM WE CAN

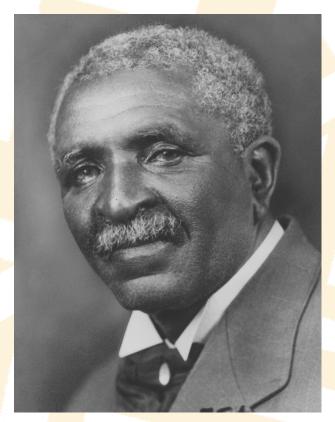
# **BECAUSE OF** GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

**AGES 5-8** 



## HOW GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER'S...

While reading about George Washington Carver, ask yourself questions such as who, what, where, when, why, and how. Then answer the questions on the next page.





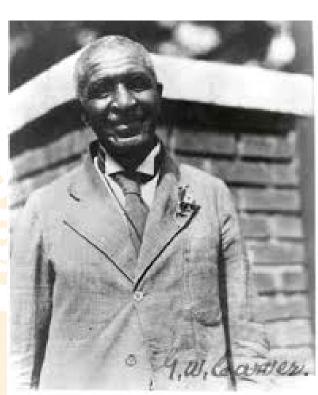
George Washington Carver was an **inventor** who created over 300 uses for the peanut including paper, oils, dyes, and even soap - just to name a few. He was also the first African American to have a degree from college in Science.

Carver liked plants and gardening from a young age. Even as a child he would help farmers with their gardens. He **eventually** went to school to learn more about land, plants, and the science about how to use plants.

After he graduated he worked at Tuskegee University studying Agriculture for the rest of his life. He was in charge of the school's garden and taught students about plants and how to use them. One of his most impactful inventions was a way to farm

using crop rotation, where he taught farmers to grow peas and peanuts for a while and then plant cotton to help the soil rest and regain nutrients. This method helped farmers grow even more of what they were growing before.

Carver was a man who helped poor farmers and helped change how everyone did farming. He went from being born into slavery to being a celebrity. Because of him we have found so many uses for different plants, we can produce more **crops**, and we can love science and plants.





# ... GARDEN GREW

What did George Washington Carver like to do?	
What inventions did he make?	
	GEORGE
	GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER
	SALVEL.

### IS THE GRASS GREENER?

Just like George Washington Carver, you can be a scientist too! You will grow a seed and observe it, to go through the same process that scientists go through. To do this you will need a seed (any sort should work). If you don't have a seed you can visit this website (https://bit.ly/3DIsYgg) to see what happens when a seed gets water.

#### Part 1: Observations

You see many things in a day. When you take time to really examine them and to learn more it's called an observation. Use three of your five senses and then write everything you observe about your seed.



What do you feel?

What do you smell?

### Part 2: Experiment

Now you want to test out what you guess will happen - this is called an experiment. Put a few drops of water on your seed and write your new observations.

What do you see?

What do you feel?

What do you smell?

### **MAPPING AND MOVING**

### Part 3: Conclusion

Draw a picture of what you think will happen to your seed once you plant it.



**Inventor** - Someone who creates or produces (something useful) for the first time

**Eventually** - at some later time; in the end

**Impact** - a powerful or major influence or effect

**Agriculture** - the science or occupation of farming

**Crop** - a plant or plant product that is grown by farmers



### THE PEANUT GALLERY

Instructions: Read the following word problems to learn more about how to grow peanuts and interesting facts about them, then answer the math questions.

1. You have two peanut plants and each peanut plant produces 20 peanuts. How many peanuts will you have altogether?

2. George Washington Carver learned that it is better for the soil when you grow peanuts every two years instead of every year. Use the picture below to find how many batches of peanuts you would have after 6 years.



3. Use the picture above to find how many batches of peanuts you would have after 10 years if you carried on with the same planting method. Finish the pattern you started!

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## TAKE THE PLEDGE

I WILL BELIEVE I WILL PURSUE

MY DREAMS.

I WILL HELP