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# BECAUSE OF REGINALD LEWIS

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REGINALD LEWIS

# REGINALD F. LEWIS



Reginald F. Lewis was born on December 7th, 1942, in Baltimore, Maryland. He grew up in a very close family that valued education and worked hard.

At just ten years old, Reginald created a **delivery** route to sell the Afro-American newspaper. With only ten **customers** his first year, two years later, Reginald saw his **business** grow to over 100 customers on his route. He later sold the route at a **profit**.

Reginald Lewis worked hard in the classroom and in sports. He was the captain of the football, baseball and basketball teams. He then went on to attend Virginia State University which is a Historically Black University. Reginald Lewis created a goal to achieve great things in his future. He did just that, graduating Virginia State on the **Dean's List**.

In 1965, Lewis received a chance to go to a summer school program at Harvard Law School. He left such an amazing memory that Harvard Law School invited him to

attend that fall. To this day, Reginald Lewis is the only person to get into Harvard Law School without applying.

After graduating and studying **Corporate** Law, Lewis got a job with one of the top New York Law **firms**. He then went on to start his Corporate Law firm, where they represented investors.

**Investors** are people that give businesses money but also get money back in return. After 15 years of practicing corporate law, Lewis decided to start his own investment company, the TLC Group. In 1992, the company had sales of over \$1.8 billion annually, making it the first black-owned business to create a billion dollars in annual sales. Reginald Lewis quickly became the first African American to build a billion-dollar company and the richest black man in the 1980s.

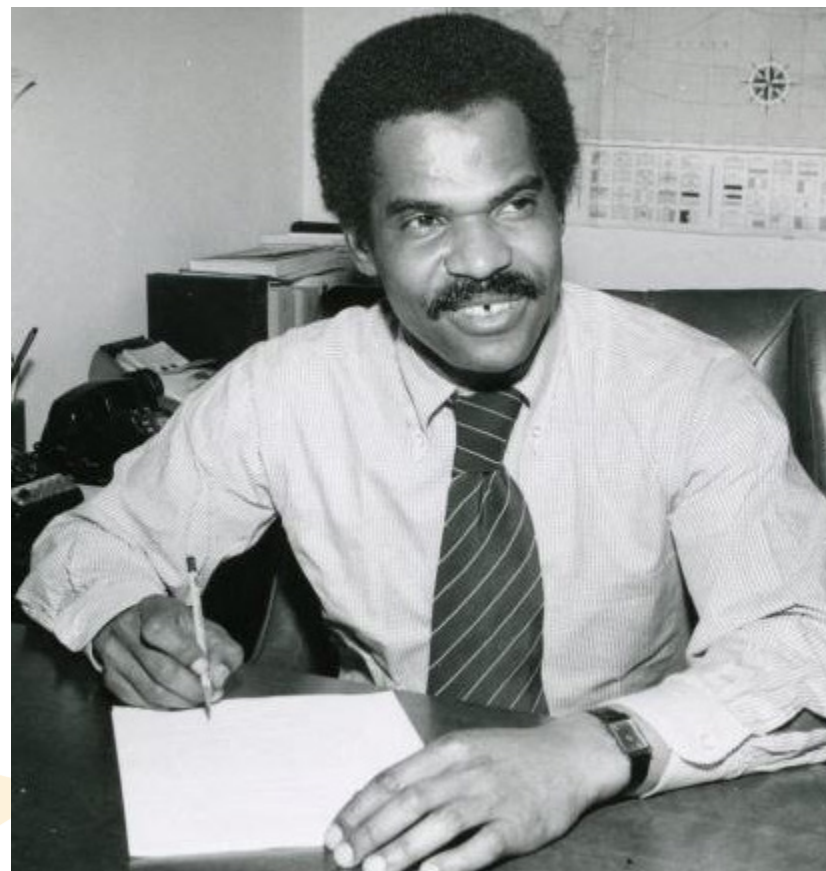
Lewis was not only a corporate lawyer, but he cared deeply about civil rights in African American communities. Lewis donated large amounts to different African American institutions such as Historically Black Colleges and Universities, homeless shelters, and neighborhood churches.



# READ & RESPOND

In 1993 at just 50 years old, Reginald F. Lewis passed away from brain cancer. Today, we still celebrate his **legacy** in various ways. In 2005, the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture opened. His daughter Christina also launched a foundation named All-Star Code that teaches computer science and coding to Black and Brown boys in honor of her dad.

Reginald Lewis's success taught us that it is very important to do the work and not expect things to be handed to us. That pioneering spark of **entrepreneurship** from Reginald Lewis never went out, even in the face of challenges and extraordinary obstacles, he accomplished what few were able to do.



1. What business did Reginald start at ten years old??

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## GLOSSARY

**Delivery:** the act of giving letters, packages or ordered goods.

**Customers:** a person that buys goods from a business.

**Business:** an organization where people work together to sell products or services.

**Profit:** a financial gain.

**Dean's List:** a list of students recognized for academic achievement during a semester by the dean of their college.

**Achieve:** to carry through with victory

**Corporate law:** law that has to do with business and companies.

**Firms:** a company that buys or sells products to customers to make a profit.

**Investor:** someone who commits money in order to earn a financial return.

**Legacy:** something a person leaves behind to be remembered by.

# READ & RESPOND

2. What is the name of Reginald Lewis' investment company?

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3. Finish the sentence: Reginald Lewis is the first African American to...

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4. What character traits would you use to describe Reginald Lewis and Madam C.J. Walker\*?

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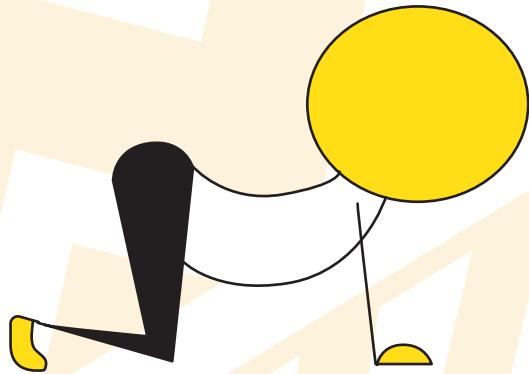
\*We focused on Madame C.J. Walker in our previous box - your parent or guardian received a link to those sheets to download in their shipping confirmation email!



# BRAIN BREAKS

**KEEP GOING.  
NO MATTER WHAT.**  
- REGINALD LEWIS

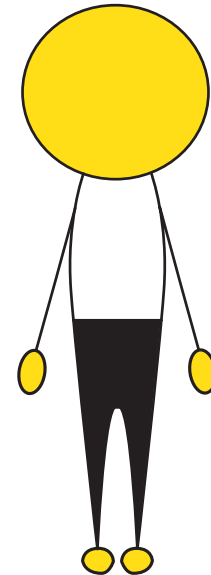
**YOGA:** Using your brain like Reginald Lewis is hard work - be sure to balance using your brain with using your body. Take a brain break and try these Yoga poses!



## COW POSE

*Bitilasana*

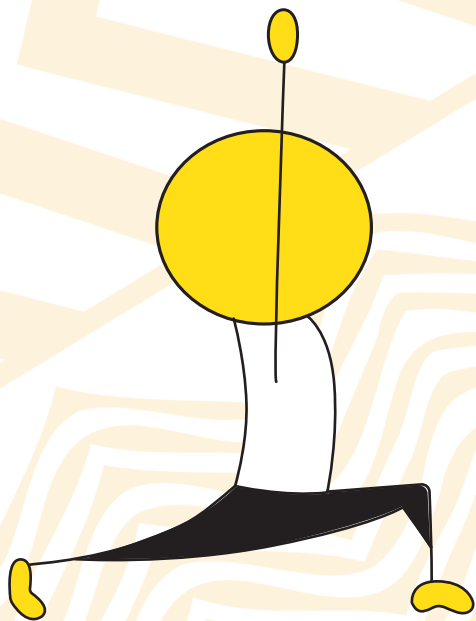
The Cow pose is often paired with the Cat pose as they both do an excellent job of stretching your back. It also opens your chest and helps to build upper body strength.



## MOUNTAIN POSE

*Tadasana*

The Mountain pose is the most basic standing posture in yoga, teaching you correct alignment and helping to strengthen your lower body.



## WARRIOR 1

*Virabhadrasana I*

Warrior 1 is highly recognizable and performed in all levels of yoga, from beginners to advanced. It increases flexibility and balance.



## WARRIOR 2

*Virabhadrasana II*

Warrior 2 strengthens your legs, back, shoulders, and arms. Performing everyday will help improve general fitness and stamina.

## MOVE AROUND THE ROOM LIKE:

You are made of Jell-o  
You stepped on gum  
You are trapped in a freezer

You are walking in a dark cave  
You are covered in honey

# COUNT YOUR MONEY!

**DIRECTIONS:** Record the total amount of money on the line.



**1. TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Show the equivalent combination of coins without using quarters!



**2. TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

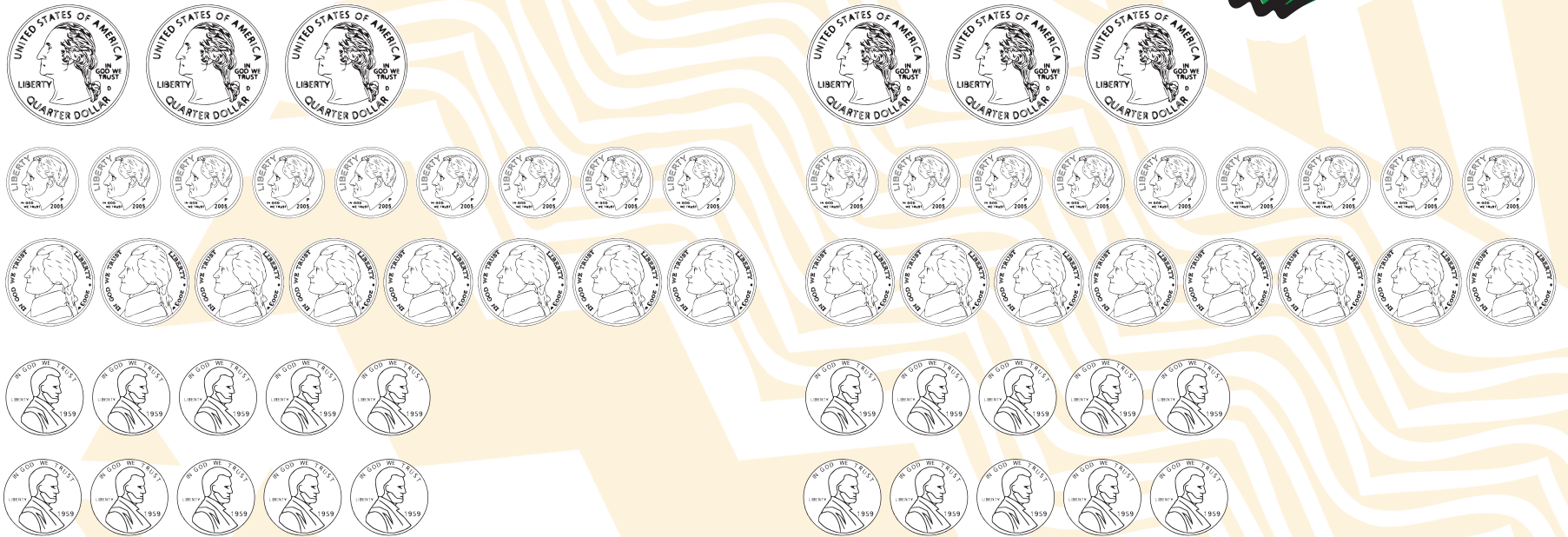
Show the equivalent combination of coins without using quarters!



**DIRECTIONS:** Shade in 2 different combinations for **65¢**

Combination #1

Combination #2



ANSWERS: (1.) 60¢ (2.) 98¢

## TAKE THE PLEDGE

**I WILL HONOR**  
THE SACRIFICES OF  
MY ANCESTORS.

**I WILL BELIEVE**  
IN ME.

**I WILL PURSUE**  
MY DREAMS.

**I WILL HELP**  
OTHERS ALONG  
THE WAY.