

George Washington Carver – The Real Mr. Peanut

CLOZE Activity –reading for meaning

Without peeking back at the article, complete the story of George Washington Carver by adding in some missing words. The words to choose from are listed at the bottom of the story. When completed, compare your answers with the website article. How did you go?



George Washington Carver, known as the 'Plant Doctor', was _____ in Missouri in 1861. He was a famous African American botanist/inventor who developed new, practical farming _____ that used peanuts, soybeans, and sweet potatoes as an alternative to cotton to improve the livelihood of impoverished families.

By 1880, Carver invented not one but three hundred different ways to use peanuts, including plastics, paints, dyes and bio fuel. So why doesn't anyone have an _____ list of all the things he invented? Well, Carver didn't _____ in patents or fame; he felt it was his duty as an inventor to contribute to society by making knowledge freely available to everyone.

By the _____ 1900's, Carver made _____ a significant crop in the southern USA. His contributions were so vast that commemorative postal stamps in 1948, 1998 as well as half dollar coins minted between 1951 and 1954 were created in his name. _____, some schools and even a garden (Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis) were founded on his behalf.

Carver's greatest contribution _____ just peanuts. Instead, he will be remembered for his influence - believing in the life changing potential of education and the idea that _____ if you're born into the most unfortunate circumstances, you can overcome them with a proper education.

believe	Additionally	peanuts
early	born	methods
even	wasn't	accurate

