

George Washington Carver

Review Key Words⁵

discoveries	things found for the first time
awards	honors or prizes given for good work
peanuts	nuts that grow in the ground
coffee	a drink made from seeds of a tropical plant

Write a Prediction



Read the Story⁶⁻⁸

7 If you like peanut butter and other
13 things made from peanuts, you really
20 should know about the man who made
26 more than 300 different **products** from
32 peanuts. His name was George Washington
40 Carver, and he lived from 1859 to 1943.
47 Would you believe that such things as
55 instant coffee, soap, and even ink can be
62 made from peanuts? Well they can! And
68 George Washington Carver was the man
72 who found that out.
78 George and his parents were slaves.
87 When he was a baby, he and his mother
94 were stolen by night raiders. But his
102 **master** brought him back. Even as a boy,
George was interested in plants. He also

109 was an artist and drew many pictures of
117 plants.

118 It was unusual for black people to go to
127 college in those days, but George earned
134 his own way. He graduated from Iowa
141 State College in 1894. After that he
148 became a college **professor** at Tuskegee
154 Institute and did **research** on plants.
160 During his life he won many medals and
168 awards both in the United States and
175 around the world. Our lives would not be
183 the same today if it were not for the
192 research and discoveries of George
197 Washington Carver.
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Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. George Washington Carver was an artist.
 - b. George Washington Carver invented peanuts.
 - c. George Washington Carver did research on plants.
2. How did George Washington Carver pay for his college education?
 - a. He went to Iowa State College on a scholarship.
 - b. He worked hard to earn money to go to college.
 - c. He had his way to college paid by his former master.
3. What does **research** mean in this story?
 - a. win many awards
 - b. teach at a college
 - c. studied and experimented with
4. What caused George Washington Carver to make so many products from peanuts?
 - a. He enjoyed making discoveries.
 - b. He earned his way through college.
 - c. He liked to draw pictures of plants.
5. Why was it unusual for George Washington Carver to go to college?

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Write a Summary of "George Washington Carver"

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