

Reading Passage: The Life of George Washington Carver (Biography 2)

George Washington Carver was born in the early 1860s in Missouri, USA. He was born into slavery and faced many challenges in his early life. Despite these difficulties, George was very curious and loved to learn about plants.

After slavery ended, George worked hard to get an education. He eventually went to college and became a scientist. George loved studying plants and finding new ways to use them. He became famous for his work with peanuts and sweet potatoes.

George discovered over 300 uses for peanuts. He made things like peanut butter, paint, and even soap from peanuts. He also found many uses for sweet potatoes, such as making flour, vinegar, and rubber. His work helped farmers grow better crops and make more money.

George Washington Carver was also a teacher. He taught farmers how to take care of their soil and grow different kinds of plants. This helped the soil stay healthy and the farms to be more successful.

People admired George for his kindness and his dedication to helping others. He received many awards for his work and became one of the most respected scientists of his time.

George Washington Carver's life shows us the importance of education, hard work, and helping others. He made the world a better place with his discoveries and his generosity.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Where was George Washington Carver born?
 - a. Texas
 - b. California
 - c. Missouri
 - d. Florida
2. What was George curious about?
 - a. Animals
 - b. Plants
 - c. Rocks
 - d. Stars
3. What did George become after going to college?
 - a. A doctor
 - b. A scientist
 - c. A musician
 - d. A writer
4. What is George Washington Carver famous for working with?
 - a. Corn
 - b. Rice
 - c. Peanuts
 - d. Apples
5. How many uses did George discover for peanuts?
 - a. 50
 - b. 100
 - c. 200
 - d. Over 300
6. What did George also find many uses for besides peanuts?
 - a. Tomatoes
 - b. Carrots
 - c. Sweet potatoes
 - d. Bananas
7. What did George teach farmers to do?
 - a. Build houses
 - b. Take care of their soil and grow different plants

- c. Cook meals
 - d. Write books
8. What qualities did people admire in George?
- a. His strength and speed
 - b. His kindness and dedication
 - c. His cooking skills
 - d. His singing voice
9. What did George receive for his work?
- a. Many awards
 - b. A pet dog
 - c. A big house
 - d. A new car
10. What does George Washington Carver's life teach us?
- a. To travel the world
 - b. The importance of education, hard work, and helping others
 - c. To play sports
 - d. To build tall buildings

Answers and Explanations

1. **c. Missouri** *Explanation: George Washington Carver was born in Missouri, USA.*
2. **b. Plants** *Explanation: George was very curious about plants.*
3. **b. A scientist** *Explanation: After going to college, George became a scientist.*
4. **c. Peanuts** *Explanation: George Washington Carver is famous for his work with peanuts.*
5. **d. Over 300** *Explanation: George discovered over 300 uses for peanuts.*
6. **c. Sweet potatoes** *Explanation: George also found many uses for sweet potatoes.*
7. **b. Take care of their soil and grow different plants** *Explanation: George taught farmers how to take care of their soil and grow different kinds of plants.*
8. **b. His kindness and dedication** *Explanation: People admired George for his kindness and dedication to helping others.*
9. **a. Many awards** *Explanation: George received many awards for his work.*
10. **b. The importance of education, hard work, and helping others** *Explanation: George Washington Carver's life teaches us the importance of education, hard work, and helping others.*