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## **UNIT 4 – Inventors in the United States**

## **Elaborated Unit Focus**

In this unit, students will use the theme of **scarcity** to discuss basic economic ideas of goods, services, producers, and consumers, as well as how the **individual** contributions of George Washington Carver and Benjamin Franklin had economic impact. Students will explore the role of **location** in the lives of Carver and Franklin, as well as the idea of **time, change, and continuity** in comparing the lives of Carver and Franklin to their own.

## **Standards/Elements**

# SS1H1 The student will read about and describe the life of historical figures in American history.

- a. Identify the contributions made by these figures: Benjamin Franklin (inventor/author/statesman), Thomas Jefferson (Declaration of Independence), Meriwether Lewis and William Clark with Sacagawea (exploration), Harriet Tubman (Underground Railroad), Theodore Roosevelt (National Parks and the environment), George Washington Carver (science).
- b. Describe how everyday life of these historical figures is similar to and different from everyday life in the present (food, clothing, homes, transportation, communication, recreation).

SS1G1 The student will describe the cultural and geographic systems associated with the historical figures in SS1H1a.

SS1E1 The student will identify goods that people make and services that people provide for each other.

SS1E3 The student will describe how people are both producers and consumers.

SS1CG1 The student will describe how the historical figures in SS1H1a display positive character traits of fairness, respect for others, respect for the environment, conservation, courage, equality, tolerance, perseverance, and commitment.

## **Enduring Understandings/Essential Questions**

Individuals, Groups, Institutions

EU: The student will understand that the actions of individuals, groups, and/or institutions affect society through intended and unintended consequences. K-5 EU: The student will understand that what people, groups, and institutions say and

- do can help or harm others whether they mean to or not.
- How are the inventions of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver beneficial to us today?
- How can inventions help our community?
- How can inventions hurt our community?
- What kind of person was George Washington Carver?

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- How did George Washington Carver's character help him in life?
- What kind of person was Benjamin Franklin?
- How did Benjamin Franklin's character help him in life?
- Why do we still read Benjamin Franklin's writings today?

## Location

EU: The student will understand that location affects a society's economy, culture, and development.

# K-5 EU: The student will understand that where people live matters.

- How are the places where Ben Franklin and George Washington Carver lived important to what they invented?
- What challenges did Ben Franklin and George Washington Carver face because of where they lived?
- What inventions are important in your community?
- How does location affect the demand for some goods and services?
- How does location affect who is a producers?
- How does location affect who is a consumer?

# Scarcity

EU: The student will understand that scarcity of all resources forces parties to make choices, and that these choices always incur a cost.

K-5 EU: The student will understand that because people cannot have everything they want, they have to make choices.

- How did scarcity drive the need for the inventions of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver? {More specifically: Why did Benjamin Franklin start a fire company? Why did Benjamin Franklin invent the lightning rod? Why did George Washington Carver begin experimenting with peanuts and sweet potatoes?}
- How does scarcity impact goods and services?
- How does scarcity change the way we get goods and use services?

# Time, Change, & Continuity

EU: The student will understand that while change occurs over time, there is continuity to the basic structure of society.

# K-5 EU: The student will understand that some things will change over time, while other things will stay the same.

- How are our lives today similar to the lives of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver?
- How are our lives today different from the lives of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver?
- Why have people's lives changed since the time of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver?

\*NOTE: The balanced assessment plan included in this unit is presented as a series of suggested activities. It is not expected that the teacher complete all assessments for a successful unit.

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## **Balanced Assessment Plan**

Balanced Assessmen		1
Description of Assessment	Standard/	Type of
	Element	Assessment
After reading trade books about Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver, students will discuss Franklin's and Carver's inventions; contributions to our country; everyday lives; and how each historical figure is similar to the students' lives. The students will complete a cloze paragraph about each historical figure.	SS1H1a,S1L1.a,c	Constructed Response
Modifications-		
<ul> <li>Books on tape</li> <li>Check for understanding of the meaning of invention</li> </ul>		
One-on-one assistance with writing paragraph		<u> </u>
After reading about and discussing Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver, students will complete the historical figure concept map for each historical figure. The concept map will include new vocabulary / important words, a student drawing of the historical figure, why the historical figure is important to our country, and his or her character traits. <u>Modifications-</u>	SS1H1a,S1L1.a,c,ELA1R6m	Constructed Response
• Check for understanding of what each figure's		
contributions were, and the meanings of new words.		
Monitor progress on activity		
<ul> <li>The class will discuss the goods and services Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver provided. The students will draw pictures of the goods and services Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver provided, and they will create a goods and services class chart. The class will discuss how scarcity affected the goods and services the historic figures provided.</li> <li><u>Modifications-</u></li> <li>Check for understanding of what the difference is between a good and a service.</li> <li>Monitor progress on activity</li> </ul>	SS1E1,ELA1R6m Info skills 1	Constructed Response
<ul> <li>Discuss George Washington Carver's contributes to science and his work with peanuts, pecans, and sweet potatoes.</li> <li>The students will grow a peanut or sweet potato plant and chart the plant's growth using a ruler. The student will draw a picture of the parts of the plant then label the root, stem, leaf, and flower.</li> <li>The class will create a bar graph to record the growth of the plant.</li> <li>Students will also discuss why these particular plants were chosen by Carver for his experiments.</li> <li>Modifications- <ul> <li>Assist with measurement</li> <li>Monitor chart information to ensure accuracy</li> <li>Assist with illustration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	SC1CS3.a SC1CS5.b,c SC1CS6.b,d SC1CS7.b,c,d S1L1.a,c M1D1	Constructed Response

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The students will read a trade book about George Washington	SS1H1a,SS1G13a,M1D1	Constructed
Carver and his contributions to science. The class will		Response
brainstorm items that contain peanuts and create a peanut		
product chart. Before completing the activity, please check for		
any peanut allergies in your class. Information about products		
made from peanuts can be found at		
http://www.nps.gov/archive/gwca/expanded/peanut.htm		
The students will collect labels of products that contain		
peanuts in the ingredients or peanut by-products. (The labels		
may be requested from home or provided by the teacher and		
/or cafeteria.) Students will look on labels of products. The		
students will make a graph using the labels. Some possible		
graphing ideas could be items with peanuts as the main		
ingredient, second ingredient, etc, area of the house the		
product is used, class favorites, and location the product is		
made. The students will discover that George Washington		
Carver's research has lead to us using peanuts in a variety of		
different products. Teachers can also share some of the		
unusual products Carver created from peanuts/sweet potatoes		
that never really succeeded in the marketplace. ©		
Modifications-		
Check for understanding of assignment		
• Assist with formatting graph		
Monitor progress on activity		
After reading various trade books about Ben Franklin's	SS1Hb,	Constructed
inventions, the class will discuss how Ben Franklin's	Info skills 1	Response
inventions are still being used today. Discuss the similarities		
and differences of Ben Franklin's life then and our life now.		
The students will create a class graph of their favorite		
invention and discuss the results.		
Modifications-		
• Check for understanding on similarity and difference		
meanings		
After viewing the following websites and reading about	ELA1Ra,ELA1W1a,	Constructed
Benjamin Franklin, the class will discuss how Benjamin		Response
Franklin was an inventor, author, and statesman for our		·
country.		
http://bensguide.gpo.gov/benfranklin/index.html		
http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/franklinb		
The class will brainstorm a list of words associated with		
Benjamin Franklin and display the words on a Benjamin		
Franklin word list chart. The students will use the words on the		
chart to write an acrostic poem. The final copy of their acrostic		
poem can be typed using the acrostic poem website.		
http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/acrostic/		
The students will share their poems with the class.		
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Modifications-		
• Check for understanding of assignment		
• Seat away from distractions while viewing		
• Use of word list at desk		
One-on-one assistance composing poem		
After reading about Benjamin Franklin and George	H1CG1,ELA1R6m	Constructed
Washington Carver, the class will discuss how each historical	Info skills 1	Response
figure portrayed a positive character trait and why the		
historical figure's characteristic trait is still important to people		
today. The students will complete the historical figure word		
web.		
Modifications-		
• Check for understanding of directions and character		
trait terms		
• Chunk assignment so only one portion of word web is		
showing at a time		
Monitor progress of activity		
After discussing how various inventions that George	M1D1	Constructed
Washington Carver created from the peanut the class will		Response
choose 5 inventions, survey their classmates, and put the		1
results in a tally table. They will then use the data to create a		
bar graph and discuss the results.		
Modifications-		
Peer paired arrangement		
Monitor progress on activity		
• Assist with survey		
• Assist with organizing bar graph information		
The class will view the George Washington Carver National	ELA1W1k,SS1G1	Constructed
Monument National Park Service website.	Map skills 1, 2	Response
http://www.nps.gov/gwca/index.htm	<b>F</b>	
The teacher will give each student a copy of the map of		
George Washington Carver's National Park. The students will		
locate the compass rose on the map and map key. The students		
will complete the rest of the compass rose include the		
intermediate directions. The class will view the Interesting		
Trail Stop slideshow found in the Photo Gallery section. As		
the class watches the slideshow, the students will locate the		
picture on their map. After viewing the website the students		
will complete the George Washington Carver map worksheet.		
Modifications-		
• Seat away from distractions to view website		
Peer paired arrangement		
• One-on-one assistance with map worksheet		
<ul> <li>Monitor progress on activity</li> </ul>		
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The class will complete the National Council on Economic	SS1E2	Teacher
Education interactive activity Delivering the Goods		Observation
Delivering the Goods Interactive Activity		
Modifications-		
• Seat away from distractions		
<ul> <li>Monitor progress on activity</li> </ul>		
The class will complete the National Council on Economic	SS1E3	Constructed
Education lesson Simple Simon Meets a Producer.		Response
Simple Simon Meets a Producer		
In this lesson the students will use the rhyme Simple Simon		Teacher
and the Pie Man to learn about producers and consumers.		Observation
Utilizing the Internet, worksheets, or a combination of both		
can be used in this the lesson.		
Modifications-		
• Seat away form distractions		
• Check for understanding of assignment		
• Check for understanding of difference between		
consumer and producer		
The class will add Benjamin Franklin and George Washington	Info Skills	Teacher
Carver to the classroom timeline. The teacher will include a	2,7	Observation
picture of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver		
and the students will write or type a caption for each historic		
figure's important contribution to our country. The students		
will answer teacher created questions about the timeline.		
Modifications-		
• Assist with written work		
• Check for understanding of assignment		
• Break down activity		
• One-on-one questioning with proximity to timeline		
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# Unit 4 Performance Task

## **Enduring Understandings:**

**Individuals, Groups, Institutions -** Contributions made by Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver

Location - Cultural/geographical systems of historical figures {Franklin and Carver}

Scarcity - Identify goods/services. Describe how people are producers/consumers

**Time, Change, & Continuity -** Compare everyday life of historical figures {Franklin and Carver} to the present

**Goal and Role**: A recent study conducted by the President of the United States has found that many students in the United States do not realized the important contributions that such historical figures as Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver have made to our country. Since your first grade students are learning about these two important men, he asked that you help educate others about how the things they did in the past still impact us today. The students will create an exhibit that will display

their knowledge about how the inventions of George Washington Carver and Benjamin Franklin still impact our lives today. Students will create a Now and Then exhibit (hallway display) that will include the following:

- A PowerPoint presentation comparing inventions of George Washington Carver and Benjamin Franklin
- 2 Photo Galleries of inventions of Carver and Franklin
  - 1. Carver's gallery: The Peanut Gallery The History and Discoveries of George Washington Carver
  - 2. Franklin's gallery: *Then and Now A Look at Benjamin Franklin's Inventions Then and Now*
- Student Inventions Students create their own Carver and Franklin inspired inventions. Students will draw up a blueprint (picture) of what their invention looks like and write about its purpose, functions, and who would be the consumers of this invention.

See attached letter from the president

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<u>Criteria</u>	Does Not Meet	<u>Needs</u>	<u>Meets Standard</u>	Exceeds Standard
Correctly explains George Washington Carver's important contributions to science and Benjamin Franklin's inventions, and how the work of these men still impacts our lives today.	Presentation does not discuss George Washington Carver's or Benjamin Franklin's contributions to science, or how their work impacts our lives today.	Improvement Correctly explains either George Washington Carver's important contributions to science and Benjamin Franklin's inventions, or how their contributions still impact our lives today.	Correctly explains George Washington Carver's important contributions to science and Benjamin Franklin's inventions, and how these men's work still impacts our lives today.	Standard Correctly explains George Washington Carver's important contributions to science and Benjamin Franklin's inventions, and how these men's work still impacts our lives today. Also discusses how these individuals' character traits gave them the tools to change
Correctly locates places important to George Washington Carver and Benjamin Franklin, and explains how where Carver and Franklin lived/worked inspired their scientific discoveries.	Does not locate places important to Carver or Franklin. Does not correctly explain how where Carver and Franklin lived/worked inspired their scientific discoveries.	Correctly locates places important to Carver and Franklin, but does not explain that where they lived/worked inspired their scientific discoveries.	Locates places important to Franklin and Carver. Correctly explains that where George Washington Carver and Benjamin Franklin lived/worked inspired their scientific discoveries.	our country. Locates places important to Franklin and Carver. Correctly explains that where George Washington Carver and Benjamin Franklin lived/worked inspired their scientific discovers. Correctly explains challenges faced by each man because of where they lived/worked.

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Correctly compares the food, clothing, homes, transportation, communication, and recreation of George Washington Carver and Benjamin Franklin to that of the present.	Incorrectly identifies the food, clothing, homes, transportation, communication, and recreation of historical figures.	Correctly discusses the food, clothing, homes, transportation, communication, and recreation of Carver, Franklin, and the present, but does not compare them correctly.	Correctly compares how the food, clothing, homes, transportation, communication, and recreation of Carver and Franklin are similar to and different from the present.	Correctly compares how the food, clothing, homes, transportation, communication, and recreation of historical figures are similar and different from the present, and discusses how these things have changed over time.
Correctly describes the difference between a good and a service.	Incorrectly describes goods and services.	Defines goods and services, but does not distinguish between them.	Correctly describes the difference between a good and a service.	Correctly describes the difference between a good and a service, and can give examples of the relationships between goods and services.
Correctly describes how people are producers and consumers.	Incorrectly describes how people are producers and consumers.	Defines producers and consumers, but does not distinguish between them.	Correctly describes how people are producers and consumers	Correctly identifies difference between a producers and consumers, and can give examples of the relationships between producers and consumers.

Product Rubric for Performance Task								
<u>Criteria</u>	<b>Does Not Meet</b>	Needs	Meets Expectation	<b>Exceeds</b>				
		<b>Improvement</b>		<b>Expectation</b>				
Student produces a	Student's product is	Student's product	Student's product is	Student's product is				
product that is	missing required	has all required	complete and	complete, correct,				
complete and	pieces, and is	pieces, but some of	factually correct.	and includes				
correct.	factually incorrect.	the information is		additional				
		incorrect and/or		information and/or				
		labeled incorrectly.		items that enhance				
				the product.				
Student producse a	The product has	The product has	The product has few	The product has no				
product is free	spelling mistakes,	spelling mistakes,	spelling mistake that	spelling mistakes,				
from spelling and	has incomplete	has incomplete	do not interfere with	and includes				
grammatical	sentences, and/or is	sentences, or is off	the audience's	complete sentences				
errors.	off topic.	topic.	understanding of the	on the topic. The				
			work, and includes	writing using				
			complete sentences	complex sentences				
			that are on-topic.	that make the				
				project more vivid.				

## **Product Rubric for Performance Task**

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## **Resources for Unit**

Ben Franklin website

http://bensguide.gpo.gov/benfranklin/index.html

This website is designed for kids to learn about Ben Franklin's life (printer, librarian, inventor, and statesman).

Ben Franklin website

http://www.fi.edu/franklin/birthday/

This is the Franklin Institute website. It contains several resources about Benjamin Franklin including a section on frequently asked questions about Ben Franklin and K-12 educator resources.

Ben Franklin website

<u>http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/outofthemails/franklin.html</u> This is the National Postal Museum's website. The website discusses his role as a Postmaster from 1737 – 1774.

George Washington Carver website

http://shs.umsystem.edu/famousmissourians/scientists/carver/carver.shtml

This is the State Historical Society of Missouri Famous Missourians website. It contains information and photographs of George Washington Carver. The website also contains 1870 Newton County Census and additional resources regarding George Washington Carver.

George Washington Carver website

http://www.nps.gov/gwca/index.htm

This is the National Park Service George Washington Carver National Monument website. The website includes photographs and information about the monument and the life of George Washington Carver.

George Washington Carver website

<u>http://www.nps.gov/history/museum/exhibits/tuskegee/gwcoverview.htm</u> This is the National Park Service George Washington Carver Legends of Tuskegee website. The website contains numerous images related to Carver's life.

George Washington Carver website <u>http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/carver</u> This is the Library of Congress website devoted to George Washington Carver.

George Washington Carver

http://www.nypl.org/research/sc/scl/carver.html

This is the New York Public Library's website. Hear George Washington Carver talk about his work at Tuskegee.

Peanuts

http://www.nps.gov/archive/gwca/expanded/peanut.htm This website lists peanut by-products.

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Sweet Potatoes <u>http://www.tuskegee.edu/Global/story.asp?S=1107086</u> This Tuskegee University website lists products made from the sweet potato. <u>Interactive Acrostic Poem</u> <u>http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/acrostic/</u> This website allows the students to create an acrostic poem online.

<u>Socials Studies for Kids for Economics</u> <u>http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/economics.htm</u> Teachers can find information about goods and services and scarcity.

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## **Our Favorite Ben Franklin Inventions**

Directions: Use tally marks to record your class' favorite Ben Franklin's invention. Each person can only vote once. After your count the tally marks, complete the Our Favorite Ben Franklin Inventions graph.

Ben Franklin's Invention	Tally Marks
Political Cartoon	
I ontical Cartoon	
Bifocals	
How to Use Electricity	
Flippers for Swimmers	
Franklin Stove	
Establishing Community Services	

Name of the Invention														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Political														
Cartoon														
Bifocals														
How to Use														
Electricity														
Flippers for														
Swimmers														
Franklin														
Stove														
Establishing														
Community														
Services														

1. How many people choose how to use electricity as their favorite invention by Ben Franklin?

- 2. How many people choose the political cartoon or establishing community services as their favorite invention by Ben Franklin?
- 3. What is our class' favorite and least favorite invention? Favorite: \_\_\_\_\_ Least Favorite\_\_\_\_\_

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**Ben Franklin Acrostic Poem** 

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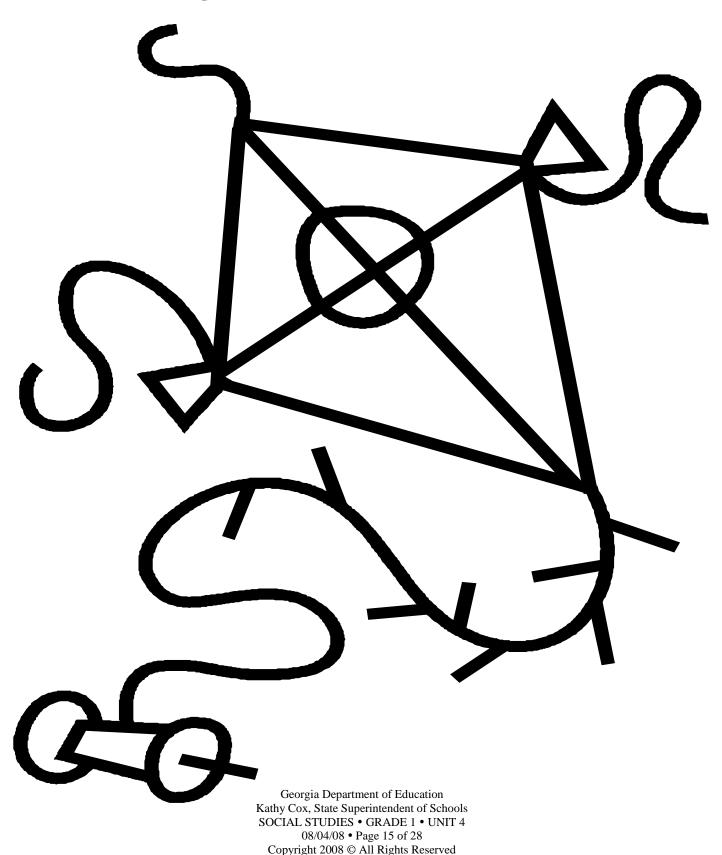


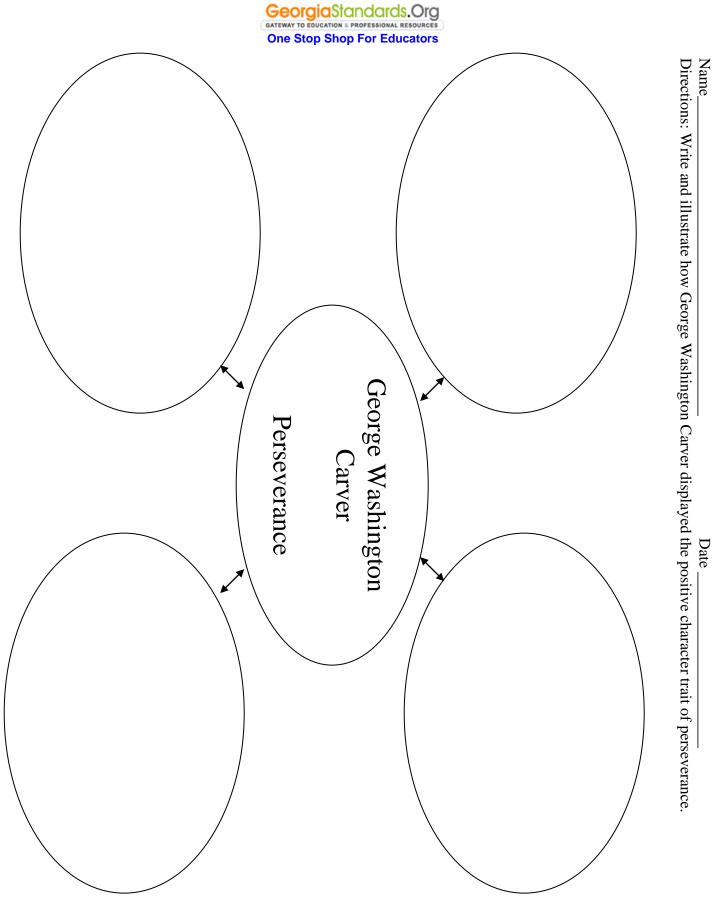
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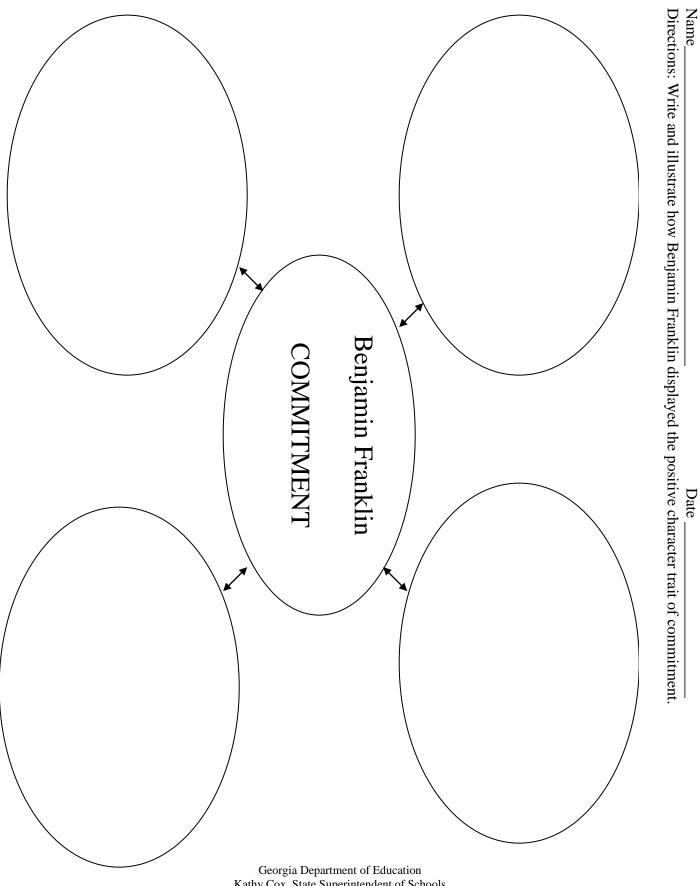
**Benjamin Franklin Word List** 

Brainstorm a list of words about Benjamin Franklin and write them on the kite pattern. Use the words to write an acrostic poem.





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Name		
Cloze Paragraph for George Washington	1 Carver	
Word Bank: better, crops, Doctor, farme	ers, move, peanuts, Plant, planted, potatoes	, scientist
George Washington Carver was a	a famous	·
He taught	how to rotate or	
around their crops so they would get	crops th	he next
time they were		
He experimented with lots of	but he	is
most famous for his work with	and sweet	
	Because of his work with pla	ints,
George Washington Carver is nicknamed	d the	
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Illustrate the above paragraph.		

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Name	
Cloze Paragraph for George Washington Carv	ver
Word Bank: better, crops, Doctor, farmers, m	ove, peanuts, Plant, planted, potatoes, scientist
George Washington Carver was a fam	ous s
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most famous for his work with p	and sweet
most famous for ms work with p	und sweet
p	Because of his work with plants,
George Washington Carver is nicknamed the	P
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Illustrate the above paragraph.	



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Name	
Cloze Paragraph on Benjamin Franklin	
Word Bank: damage, figure, invented, inventor, lightn	ing, make, protected, weather
Benjamin Franklin was an	He always tried to
out ways to	things better. He was
very interested in the	Because of this, he
a	rod. This lightning rod
buildings from lightning	
Illustrate the above paragraph.	
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Name		
Cloze Paragraph or	n Benjamin Franklin	
Word Bank: damag	ge, figure, invented, inventor, lightnin	g, make, protected, weather
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Name	
Cloze on Benjamin Franklin	
Word Bank: bifocals, bifocals, far, glasses,	iron, lightning, near, rod, safely, stove, warm, woo
Benjamin Franklin could not see ver	y well and needed
He figured out a way to see both	and
He called them	Benjamin also invented an
stove tha	t allowed people to
their housesa	nd with less
The	, Franklin
,;	and
are the major contributions of Benjamin Fra	nklin, the inventor.
Illustrate the above paragraph.	



Name	
Cloze on Benjamin Franklin	
Word Bank: bifocals, bifocals, far, glasses, iron, lightning, near, rod, safely, stove, wa	rm, wood
Benjamin Franklin could not see very well and needed g	<u> </u>
He figured out a way to see both nand f	·
He called them b Benjamin also invented a	n
stove that allowed people to w	
heir houses sand with less w	<u>     .</u>
The l, Franklin	
, and b	

are the major contributions of Benjamin Franklin, the inventor.

Illustrate the above paragraph.



Name	Date
George Washington	Carver National Monument Map
1. What is this purpose of this map?	
2. List six places shown on the George Washin	ngton Carver National Monument Map.
a	b
c	d
e	f
3. Draw 2 symbols found on this map.	
4. What is east of the Visitor Center?	
5. What is north Carver Bust?	
6. What is southwest of the Visitor Center?	
7. What is located in the northwest corner of the	he map?
8. Are the parking lots east or west of the Visi	tor Center?

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# My Georgia Washington Carver Peanut Products Graphing Book



**Survey Question:** What is your favorite Georgia Washington Carver peanut product?

By:\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Survey Question: What is your favorite Georgia Washington Carver peanut product?

## **Peanut Products Tally Table**



Peanut Products	Tallies

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Survey Question: What is your favorite Georgia Washington Carver peanut product? Peanut Products Bar Graph



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Dear First Grade students at \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary:

Greetings from the White House! I have been informed by the state of Georgia that the first graders at your school are studying the historical contributions of such historical figures as Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver. Recently, I had a special educational committee conduct a study that found that many students in the United States do not realize the important contributions of important United States historical figures!

I am writing this letter to put you on a special presidential assignment. The information that you are learning from your studies is of top importance to your community and to the nation. Your mission if you choose to accept is to do the following. Create an exhibit to educate others about how the things Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver did in the past still impact us today. Your class is asked to create a Now and Then exhibit (hallway display) that will include the following:

- A PowerPoint presentation comparing inventions of George Washington Carver and Benjamin Franklin
- 2 Photo Galleries of inventions of Carver and Franklin
  - 1. Carver's gallery: *The Peanut Gallery The History and Discoveries of George Washington Carver*
  - 2. Franklin's gallery: Then and Now A Look at Benjamin Franklin's Inventions
- Student Inventions Students create their own Carver and Franklin inspired inventions. Students will draw up a blueprint (picture) of what their invention looks like and write about its purpose, functions, and who would be the main audience for the invention. If possible, students can also build a model of their invention.

Your teachers, your school, your state, and your country appreciate all the hard work you are putting into this project. Thank you so much for helping your communities see just how important it is to keep our history alive.

Sincerely yours,

(Insert President's name here) President of the United States of America

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