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George Washington Carver

was born in slavery but went on to win worldwide respect for his work as a scientist. By finding new ways to process peanuts, soybeans, and sweet potatoes, he helped to make them important crops in the southern United States.

Carver was born in about 1861 near Diamond Grove, Missouri. At about age 12 he left home. He eventually attended Iowa State Agricultural College in Ames, Iowa. He received a bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1894 and a master's degree in 1896. Carver then became head of the agriculture

department at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. There he stayed for the rest of his career.

Before Carver's time, Southern farmers grew very few crops other than cotton, a plant that wore out the soil. Carver tried to get switch to peanuts and soybeans.

plants were legumes. They added nitrogen, a to the soil and and made it rich again. Also he that they could be made into nutritious foods.

With his laboratory work, Carver tried to make farmers who grew these crops would be able to sell them. He developed 300 products from peanuts. He also took an interest in sweet potatoes and developed more than 100 products based on the plant.

Carver's efforts won him numerous honors and improved life throughout the South. Some scientists criticized his informal methods, however. In addition, some African Americans were disappointed because he did not take a strong public stand on racial issues.

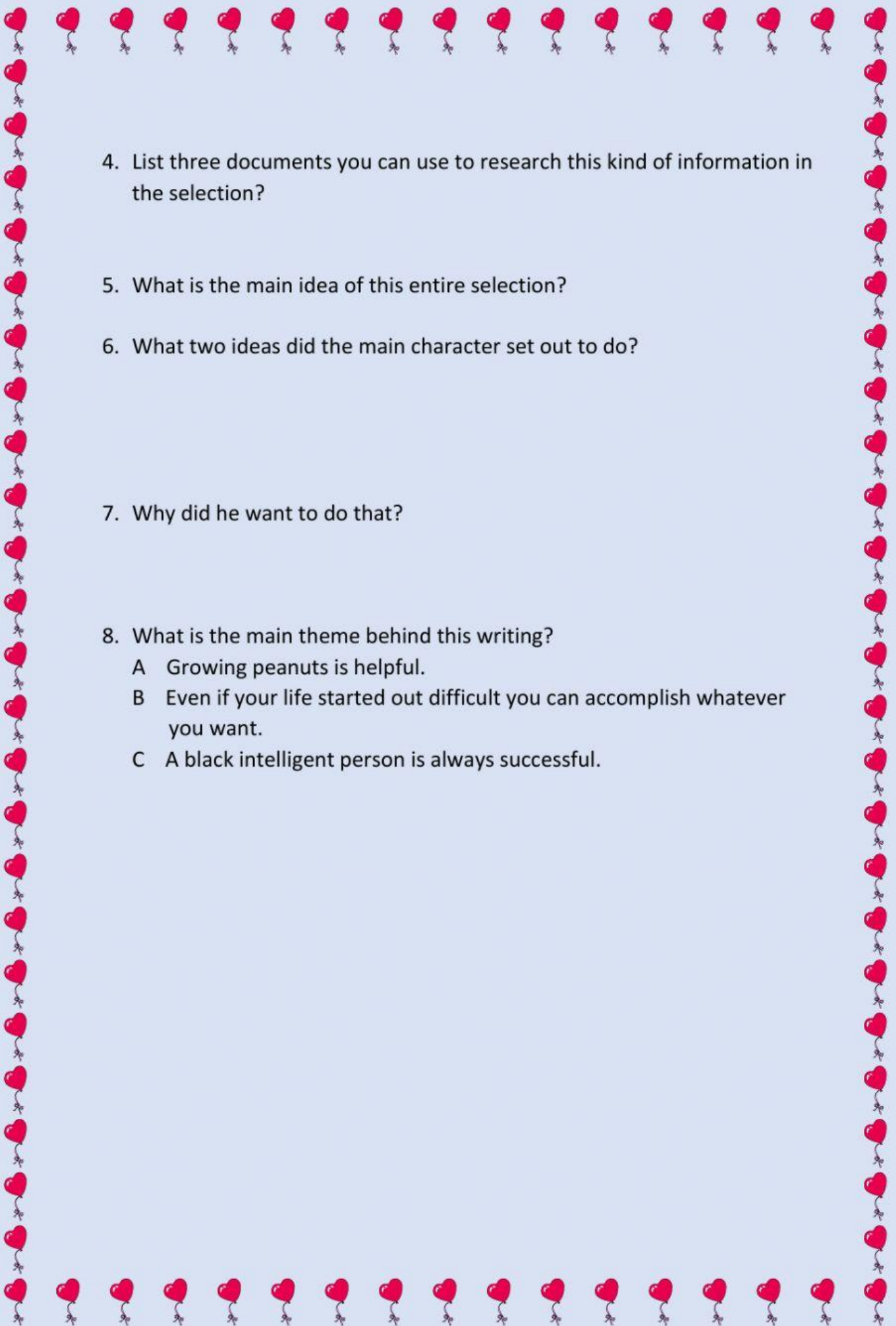
Carver died in Tuskegee on January 5, 1943. He was buried on the Tuskegee campus.



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1. Is this literature fiction or nonfiction?
2. What genre is used to write this selection?
3. What are three text features that prove the genre?

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4. List three documents you can use to research this kind of information in the selection?
5. What is the main idea of this entire selection?
6. What two ideas did the main character set out to do?
7. Why did he want to do that?
8. What is the main theme behind this writing?
- A Growing peanuts is helpful.
 - B Even if your life started out difficult you can accomplish whatever you want.
 - C A black intelligent person is always successful.