

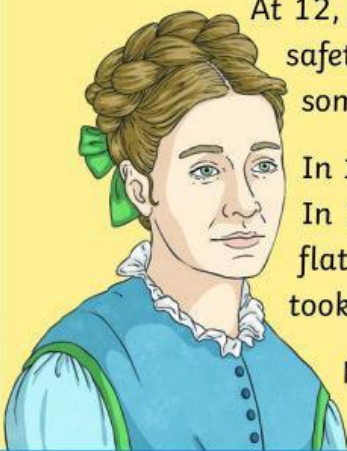
# Victorian Inventors

Read the history files to discover more about three great 19<sup>th</sup>-century inventors whose creations continue to affect our lives today.

**Name:** Margaret E. Knight

**Most Famous Invention:** Paper bags

Margaret E. Knight was born in Maine, USA on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1838 to her father, James Knight, and her mother, Hannah Teal. Sadly, her father passed away when she was young. This meant that Margaret received only a basic education and went to work in a cotton mill when she was still a child.



At 12, Margaret witnessed an accident at the mill. She decided to invent a safety device for the mill machine, which is thought to have stopped it if something got caught in it.

In 1867, Margaret was employed by the Columbia Paper Bag Company. In 1868, she invented a machine that folded and glued paper to form flat-bottomed paper bags. Charles Annan stole her design but Margaret took him to court and won the right to call the design her own.

Margaret continued inventing useful objects, including a number of engines, for the rest of her life.

## Did You Know...?

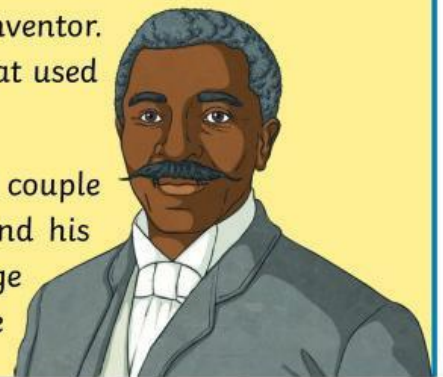
During the Victorian era, women were seen as less intelligent than men. Many people did not believe that Margaret was capable of inventing useful things.

**Name:** George Washington Carver

**Most Famous Invention:** Peanut products

George Washington Carver was a Black teacher, scientist and inventor. He became known as 'the peanut man' due to his inventions that used peanuts to create many useful objects and materials.

George was born into slavery in the early 1860s to an enslaved couple owned by Moses Carver. In 1865, slavery ended but Moses and his wife, Susan, decided to continue to look after and educate George and his brother in their home. George was interested in science



and the arts.

In 1896, George became a teacher at Tuskegee University where he taught for 47 years. During this time, he also worked on his inventions. He invented more than 300 products from peanuts, including plastics, paints, soap and wood stains. He even invented a plant-based petrol.

### A. Answer the Questions

1. Where was Margaret E Knight born?

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2. What did George Washington Carver do?

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3. Who was employed by Columbia Paper Bag Company?

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4. Did Margaret E Knight receive a good education?

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5. What did G. W. Carver invent.

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### B. True or False

1. Margaret's father died when she was young.
2. George was born into slavery.
3. Margaret decided to invent something when she was 15.
4. George was a teacher at a university.
5. Margaret stop inventing after she invented paper bags.


### C. Fill in the blanks using the given words

invent - decide - provide - without - numerous -  
inspiration- torch -aircraft - medical - famous for

1. Şanlı Urfa is ..... 'Balıklı Göl'.
2. He decided to pursue a career in the ..... field to help people.
3. He used a ..... to navigate through the dark cave.
4. I couldn't ..... which movie to watch, so I asked for recommendations.
5. Thomas Edison ..... the light bulb.
6. Her artwork is a true source of ..... for aspiring artists.
7. She couldn't complete the puzzle ..... any clues.
8. The new ..... design promises to be more fuel-efficient.
9. The company will ..... all the necessary materials for the project.
10. There are ..... reasons why people choose to live in the city.