

People Who Help

Read about African Americans whose work helped others.

SS.2.AA.1 "Positive influences and contributions by African Americans"

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each person's name. Circle the words that tell how that person helped people, because these details show positive contributions.

Work That Made a Difference

- ① George Washington Carver was a scientist and teacher. He studied peanuts, sweet potatoes, and other plants. He showed farmers ways to grow different crops. Growing different crops helped care for the soil and gave farmers more choices.
- ② Katherine Johnson was a mathematician at NASA. She used math to help plan space flights. Her careful work helped astronauts travel to space and return safely to Earth. Her numbers helped people learn more about space.
- ③ Mae Jemison was a doctor, engineer, and astronaut. In 1992, she became the first African American woman to travel in space. She later started programs that help young people learn about science. Her work opened doors for future scientists.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did George Washington Carver help farmers?

2 How did Katherine Johnson's work help astronauts?

3 What did Mae Jemison do after traveling in space that helped young people?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose an African American not named in the reading who made a positive contribution.
Write two sentences that name the person and tell how the person's work helped people.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each person's name. Circle the words that tell how that person helped people, because these details show positive contributions. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did George Washington Carver help farmers?	He showed farmers ways to grow different crops.
2	How did Katherine Johnson's work help astronauts?	Her math helped plan space flights so astronauts could travel to space and return safely to Earth.
3	What did Mae Jemison do after traveling in space that helped young people?	She started programs that help young people learn about science.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Ruby Bridges helped make schools fairer when she went to an all-white elementary school in 1960. Her courage helped open doors for other Black children.

Accept accurate examples of African Americans and clear statements of how their actions or work helped others. Student wording may differ from the passage.