

People Who Shaped Florida

Read how three leaders changed life in Florida.

SS.4.A.6.3 "Describe the contributions of significant individuals to Florida."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each person's name. Circle the words that tell what the person did for Florida, so you can connect each individual with a contribution.

Three Florida Changemakers

- ① In the late 1800s, Henry Flagler helped change Florida's east coast. He built rail lines that connected cities such as St. Augustine, Palm Beach, and Miami. His Florida East Coast Railway carried visitors and supplies to places that had been hard to reach. Flagler also built hotels. His transportation and hotels helped tourism grow and encouraged people and businesses to move to Florida.
- ② Mary McLeod Bethune believed education could open doors for Black children. In 1904, she opened the Daytona Educational and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls with a small amount of money and donated supplies. The school later became Bethune-Cookman University. Bethune also spoke for civil rights and advised President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Her school and leadership gave many Floridians chances to learn and lead.
- ③ Marjory Stoneman Douglas worked to protect the Everglades, a wetland that provides water and homes for wildlife. In 1947, her book *The Everglades: River of Grass* explained that this area was not a useless swamp. Douglas spoke and wrote for its protection for many years. She helped start Friends of the Everglades, which fought plans that could harm the wetlands. Her work helped Floridians value and defend this important natural place.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Henry Flagler make Florida's east coast easier to reach, and what grew because of his work?

2 What did Mary McLeod Bethune open in 1904? Explain one way her work helped Floridians.

3 What did Marjory Stoneman Douglas explain in her 1947 book, and how did she continue helping the Everglades?

4 How were Bethune's and Douglas's contributions different?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose one person from the passage. Write three sentences that name the person's contribution, give one detail from the passage, and explain why the contribution mattered to Florida.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each person's name. Circle the words that tell what the person did for Florida, so you can connect each individual with a contribution. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Henry Flagler make Florida's east coast easier to reach, and what grew because of his work?	He built rail lines that connected cities and carried visitors and supplies. His work helped tourism grow.
2	What did Mary McLeod Bethune open in 1904? Explain one way her work helped Floridians.	She opened the Daytona Educational and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls. Her school gave many Floridians chances to learn and lead.
3	What did Marjory Stoneman Douglas explain in her 1947 book, and how did she continue helping the Everglades?	She explained that the Everglades was not a useless swamp. She spoke and wrote for protection and helped start Friends of the Everglades.
4	How were Bethune's and Douglas's contributions different?	Bethune improved education and spoke for civil rights. Douglas worked to protect the Everglades and its wetlands.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Henry Flagler made travel along Florida's east coast easier. His railway carried visitors and supplies to cities, and his hotels gave visitors places to stay. These changes helped tourism and brought more people and businesses to Florida.

Accept answers that accurately connect each person to the contribution described in the passage. For Your Turn, accept any of the three individuals if the response includes a contribution, a passage detail, and a reasonable explanation of its importance.