

Florida Business Builders

Identify entrepreneurs and trace their economic influence.

SS.4.E.1.1 "Identify entrepreneurs from various demographic backgrounds who have influenced Florida and local economy."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each entrepreneur's name, circle words that tell about the person's background, and number the results of that person's work on Florida or a local economy.

Businesses That Changed Florida

- ① An entrepreneur starts or runs a business, takes risks, and creates goods, services, or jobs. Florida grew because entrepreneurs came from different places and had different life experiences. Their choices affected nearby workers, customers, and towns. Three business leaders, Vicente Martinez Ybor, Henry Flagler, and Julia Tuttle, helped change parts of Florida in the late 1800s and early 1900s.
- ② Vicente Martinez Ybor was a Cuban-born cigar maker who moved his business from Key West to the Tampa area in 1885. He built a cigar factory and a community that became Ybor City. Cigar work brought many immigrants, including Cuban, Spanish, and Italian workers, to the area. Stores, homes, and other businesses grew near the factories, strengthening Tampa's local economy.
- ③ Henry Flagler, a businessman from New York, built rail lines and hotels along Florida's east coast. His companies made it easier for visitors and goods to reach new towns. In Miami, landowner and businesswoman Julia Tuttle urged Flagler to extend his railroad south. She offered land for the project. The rail connection supported Miami's growth by bringing travelers, workers, and new business opportunities.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Who was the Cuban-born entrepreneur, and what kind of business did he run?

2 How did Ybor's cigar business strengthen Tampa's local economy? Give two effects.

3 Which entrepreneur was a woman, and how did she support the railroad project?

4 How did Flagler's companies and Tuttle's action work together to support Miami's growth?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Invent an entrepreneur who could help your community. Write three sentences that tell the person's background, business, and two ways the business could help the local economy.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each entrepreneur's name, circle words that tell about the person's background, and number the results of that person's work on Florida or a local economy. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Who was the Cuban-born entrepreneur, and what kind of business did he run?	Vicente Martinez Ybor was the Cuban-born entrepreneur. He ran a cigar business.
2	How did Ybor's cigar business strengthen Tampa's local economy? Give two effects.	It brought workers to the area, and stores, homes, and other businesses grew near the factories.
3	Which entrepreneur was a woman, and how did she support the railroad project?	Julia Tuttle was the woman entrepreneur. She urged Flagler to extend the railroad south and offered land for the project.
4	How did Flagler's companies and Tuttle's action work together to support Miami's growth?	Flagler built rail lines, and Tuttle helped bring the railroad to Miami by urging him and offering land. The rail connection brought travelers, workers, and business opportunities to Miami.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Aisha Khan is a woman whose family came to Florida from Pakistan. She opens a small bakery that sells bread and snacks near a bus stop. Her bakery hires two neighbors and buys fruit from a local farm, so money reaches other local businesses.

Accept answers that identify the correct entrepreneur, background, business action, and economic effect from the passage. For Your Turn, accept realistic invented entrepreneurs with a stated background, a business, and two clear local economic effects.