

People Who Changed

Read how changemakers used their skills to improve life and knowledge.

2.10 "The student will describe the contributions and roles of changemakers in United States history including, but not limited to Scholars and Inventors: Benjamin Franklin, Benjamin Banneker, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington Carver..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each changemaker's name. Circle the words that tell what each person did, so you can match each person to a contribution.

Changemakers at Work

- ① Inventors and scholars use ideas to solve problems. Benjamin Franklin studied electricity and helped start a library. George Washington Carver taught farmers ways to care for soil. Mary Jackson was an engineer who helped NASA send spacecraft into space.
- ② Reformers and champions work for fair treatment. Rosa Parks refused to give her bus seat to a white passenger because bus rules treated Black people unfairly. Jackie Robinson played Major League Baseball and helped break its color barrier.
- ③ Explorers and adventurers travel into the unknown. Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and Sacagawea traveled west to learn about land, plants, and people. Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the Moon. Their actions changed what Americans could know or do.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did George Washington Carver help farmers?

2 Why did Rosa Parks refuse to give up her bus seat?

3 What contribution did Jackie Robinson make in baseball?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose Benjamin Franklin, Mary Jackson, or Neil Armstrong. Write two sentences that name the person's role and describe how the person's work changed what people could know or do.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each changemaker's name. Circle the words that tell what each person did, so you can match each person to a contribution. 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 taught farmers ways to care for soil.
2	Why did Rosa Parks refuse to give up her bus seat?	She refused because bus rules treated Black people unfairly.
3	What contribution did Jackie Robinson make in baseball?	He played Major League Baseball and helped break its color barrier.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Benjamin Franklin was a scholar and inventor. He studied electricity and helped people share books by starting a library.

Accept answers that correctly name the chosen person's role and describe an accurate contribution from the passage. Students may use their own words.