

George Washington Carver – An Original Conservationist

Lesson 1: The Man, The Scientist, The Artist Background Information - Teacher Instructions

The lesson is set up so that it can be completed in multiple ways depending on what you want your students to accomplish and how much time you have. Each option can be extended or reduced based on the length of your class period, group size, etc.

Option 1: Worksheet

This option is just to basically have your students complete the work sheet individually or in groups. This would be a great option if you want to focus more on George Washington Carver's scientific work and spend the least amount of time on his history. In an effort to decrease complexity only one version of the worksheet is included. Highlighted questions would be the most important to have students focus on for minimal background information.

Option 2: Mini-Project

This option would be to have all students working in groups answer all the questions and create a poster with the information. For this project each group should create a similar poster containing all the information. Pictures should be encouraged.

Since access to a printer while working may be limited, you may need to find and print photographs of George Washington Carver for students to choose from and include on their posters. Posters may be placed around the room or in the hallway outside for student encouragement throughout the unit.

Option 3: Problem Based Learning

A third alternative is if you decide to do the whole unit as a Problem Based Learning project. In that case you can assign one group the background on George Washington Carver and they can create a digital presentation for the class.

Accommodations for younger or lower level students

To simplify the assignment for younger students, lower level students or to fit a different time frame the questions can be reduced to only those bolded.