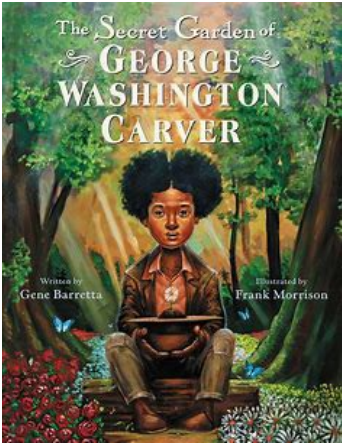


The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver



Author: Gene Barretta, illus. by Frank Morrison

Book Summary: When George Washington Carver was just a young child, he had a secret: a garden of his own. Here, he rolled dirt between his fingers to check if plants needed more rain or sun. He protected roots through harsh winters, so plants could be reborn in the spring. He trimmed flowers, spread soil, studied life cycles. And it was in this very place that George’s love of nature sprouted into something so much more—his future.”

Ages: 4-8

Length: 40 pages

Grades: PK-3

ISBN: 978-0062430151

Lexile Rating: 800L

Online Read-aloud: [Diane Yliniemi \(11:22\)](#)

Washington State Financial Education Standards	Grades K-2	Grades 3-5
SS: Spending & Saving CD: Credit & Debt EI: Employment & Income I: Investing RM: Insurance and Risk Management FD: Financial Decision-Making	EI: Explore job and career options FD: Recognize the responsibilities associated with personal financial decisions FD: Make criterion-based financial decisions by systemically considering alternatives and consequences	EI: Explore job and career options FD: Recognize the responsibilities associated with personal financial decisions FD: Make criterion-based financial decisions by systemically considering alternatives and consequences
Washington State K-12 SEL Standards and Benchmarks	Self	Social
	Self-Awareness: Benchmark 1B Self-Management: Benchmarks 2A-B Self-Efficacy: Benchmarks 3A-C	Social Awareness: Benchmarks 4A-C Social Management: Benchmark 5C Social Engagement: Benchmarks 6B-C

Resource: [The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver Literature Guide](#)

Summary: Before, during, and after reading discussion guide, as well as activity suggestions.

Grade: K-5

Source: [Learning to Give](#)

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Lesson: [The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver Lesson Plan](#)

Summary: (25-30 minutes) A lesson on scarcity and choice and accompanying worksheet activity on the limited resources George experienced growing up. Note: Report card extension/enrichment activity contains a list of historical figures born in Virginia.

Grade: K-2

Source: [VCEE Reading Makes Cents Program](#)

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Additional Washington Learning Standards:
Not Listed

Cross-curricular topics:
Scarcity, human resource, human capital

Lesson: [Nuts About Peanuts!](#)

Summary: (60 minutes) Science lesson takes students through the parts of a peanut plant, instructions to plant a peanut, and recording the growth of peanut plants. Homemade peanut butter and extension videos included.

Grade: 3-5

Source: [Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom](#)

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Additional Washington Learning Standards:

- ELA: CCRA.R.2, CCRA.R.3, CCRA.SL.1, CCRA.L.4

Lesson: [George Washington Carver - His Struggle for Education](#)

Summary: Video lesson with pre- and post-viewing quiz, vocabulary suggestions, and activities ideas included. Virtual field trip opportunity for teachers to contact this [distance learning program](#) to schedule a park ranger to share the life and legacy of George Washington Carver with students.

Grade: 2-4

Source: [National Park Service](#)

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Additional Washington Learning Standards:

- Grade 2 ELA: 2.RF.4a, 2.RL.4,
- Grade 3 ELA: 3.RF.4a, 3.RL.4
- Grade 4 ELA: 4.RF.4

Lesson: [Man of Character: The Life of George Washington Carver](#)

Summary: (30-45 minutes for video and discussion) Lesson includes discussion guide for biographical [video](#) of Carver, as well as [biography cards](#) for people who influenced Carver throughout his life and a learning game.

Grade: 2

Source: [National Park Service](#)

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Additional Washington Learning Standards:

- Grade 2 ELA: RF.2.4a, RI.2.4

Lesson: [Man of Character: The People in George Washington Carver's Life](#)

Summary: (Two 30-minute lessons) Lesson includes discussion guide for biographical [video](#) of Carver, ideas for a biography learning task using [biography cards](#) for people who influenced Carver throughout his life, and an assessment suggestion.

Grade: 4

Additional Washington Learning Standards:

Source: [National Park Service](#)

- Grade 4 ELA: RL.4.2-4, RI.4.1

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