



# George Washington Carver

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Watch Here: <https://youtu.be/FDwJpom18bY>



Watch the dead famous come to life in this comedy animated history chat show based on the popular "Corpse Talk" graphic novel series by Adam and Lisa Murphy.

In this episode, the iconic scientist and inventor George Washington Carver stops by to talk about how he was born enslaved and how went on to help farmers by cultivating America's love of peanuts. There's even a game of 'Name That Peanut Product', with our host Adam guessing all the unique uses for peanuts that Carver came up with!



## Dig up the Past

When you've watched the episode, can you answer these questions?

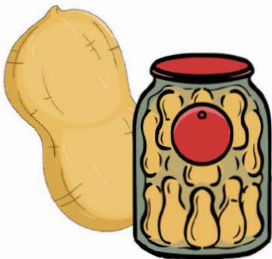
What did George enjoy doing when he was a child?

Why was it hard for George to get an education?

Why did George advise farmers to grow peanuts, soya beans and sweet potatoes?

## Fun Fact

George Washington Carver was known by many as 'peanut man'!



## Dead Quick Challenge

Time for a peanut memory test! How many of George's peanut products can you remember from Adam's game of 'Name That Peanut Product'?



## Deadly Dates

George Washington Carver was born in 1864 in Missouri, America. When he died in 1943, a national monument to him was built on the farm where he grew up.

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## Plant a Seed

All you need to grow your own bean plant is a plant pot, some compost and a bean seed (broad bean, runner bean or French beans all work well). Plant your seed, place it on a sunny windowsill, water it regularly and watch as it germinates.

Now, imagine you are George Washington Carver's assistant as he travels around America sharing his agricultural knowledge. Your job is to teach people how to grow beans. Can you write a set of instructions on how to grow bean seedlings that you can give to people who visit your mobile classroom?



## Get Cooking!

George Washington Carver is looking for a tasty dish to help him persuade people to eat more sweet potatoes. He needs your help! Choose a recipe that contains sweet potatoes such as sweet potato soup, sweet potato fries or even sweet potato cookies.

Ask an adult to help you follow the recipe.

When your sweet potato dish is complete, share it with your friends.

How many marks out of ten will they give your dish for flavour, appearance and texture?

Does it make them want to eat more sweet potatoes?

## Before You Go

George Washington Carver learnt a lot from observing nature and you can too. Choose a spot in a natural location and use all your senses to explore it.

What can you see, hear, smell and touch?

How many different plants can you spot?

You might like to visit your spot regularly and notice any changes.

