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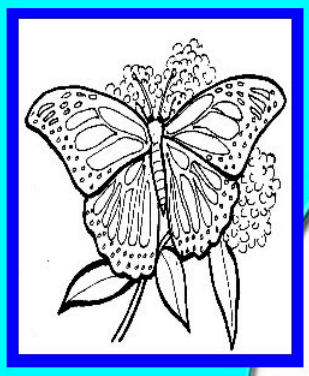

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George Washington Carver

"You must learn all you can and then go out into the world and give your learning back to our people," said Mariah Watkins. George had already become known as the "Plant Doctor" among those he lived near. He had an intense curiosity about the world around him and spent most of his time out in the fields studying plants and collecting rocks.

George definately had not had a life of leisure. He was born as a slave and after slavery was abolished, he was raised by George and Susan Carver as one of their own children. Determined to get an education, George had to live away fromhome. That is how he met Mariah Watkins. Her words left a great impression on him. He never abandoned his purpose - to share his knowledge.

Finding a college that would accept a black man was quite a challenge. After sending applications to several colleges, George was finally accepted at one. When he arrived, he was told that there had been a mistake. The school did not allow black people there. George knew that being made would not make a difference, so he continued learning in other ways. He found that rejection did not mean failure. Failure would only come when he quit trying and lost his patience.

As time went by, George did go to college and became an expert in agriculture. A man named Booker T. Washington heard about George and offered him a teaching position at a new school called Tuskeegee Institute. George Washington Carver, as he was now called, accepted the job, leaving his important job as a university lecturer, and taught there for the next 46 years until his death. His contributons to agriculture and science are still recognized today and forever changed our nation.

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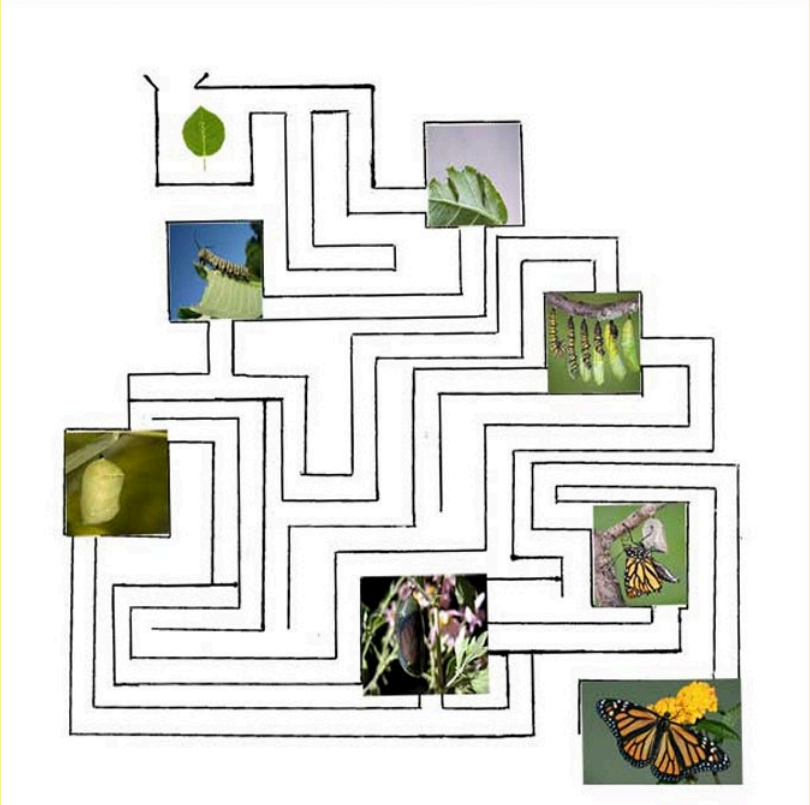
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