

Cyclist Marshall Walter "Major" Taylor, began racing professionally when he was 18 years old. By 1900, Taylor held several major world records, and collected medals and prize money in races around the world, including Australia, Europe and all over North America. In 1899, Taylor was crowned national, and international champion. After 14 years of grueling competition and fending off intense racism, he retired at age 32.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIB20zCwEd0>

George Washington Carver was an agricultural chemist, Carver developed hundreds of products derived from peanuts, soybeans, pecans, and sweet potatoes. His most important innovation was developing crop rotation, which helped conserve nutrients in overplanted soil.

<https://www.biography.com/people/george-washington-carver-9240299>

Lonnie Johnson is rocket scientist who has worked for NASA on projects such as the Voyager, the Mars Observer, and the Galileo space probe. In 1988 he turned his sights to something more kid-friendly, inventing the Super-Soaker, the fabulously successful water blaster.

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