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I studied and earned degrees in agricultural science at Iowa State University. I went on to teach at Tuskegee Institute, a school for blacks in Alabama.

My research and inventions greatly helped people, especially farmers in the South. The farmers in the South primarily grew cotton. Growing cotton every year was not good for the soil. The cotton plants took away great amounts of nutrients. I found that growing crops such as peanuts, soybeans, peas, sweet potatoes, and pecans put nutrition back into the soil. The farmers became more successful when they took my advice and planted these other crops instead of just cotton.

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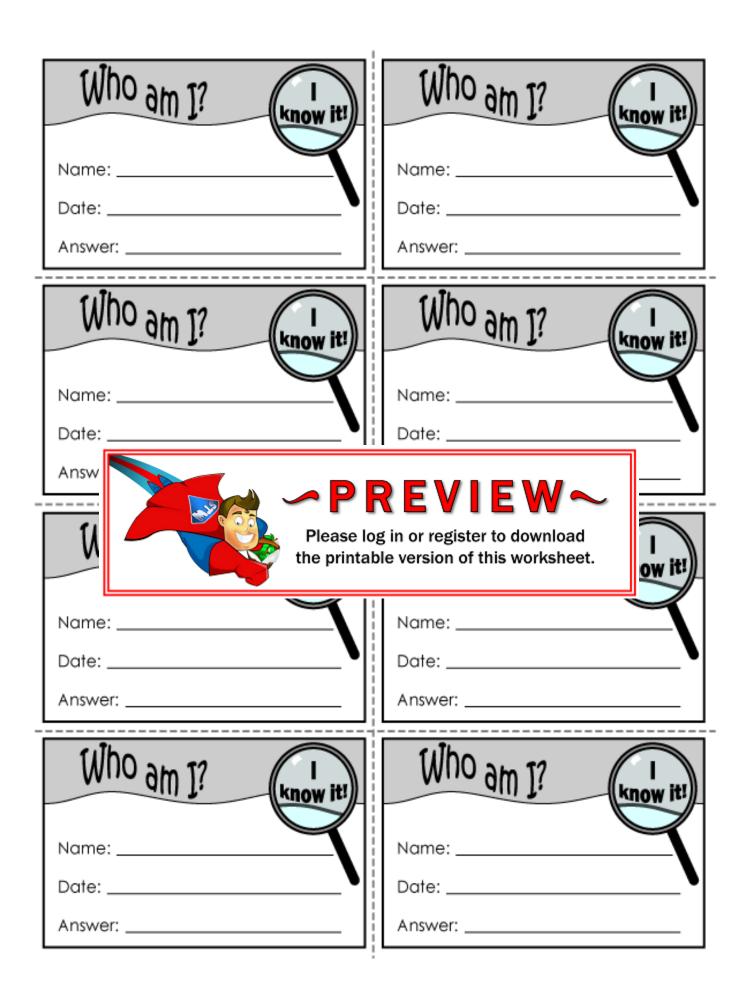
I was not the first president of the United States, but my name sounds a lot like his.



George Washington Carver

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