

Rachel Carson

1907-1964



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Introduction

Famous Quotation: "Once you are aware of the wonder and beauty of the earth you will want to learn about it."

Best known for: Banning DDT and writing Silent Spring.

What I find interesting: She got breast cancer but kept writing.

3 Key Qualities:

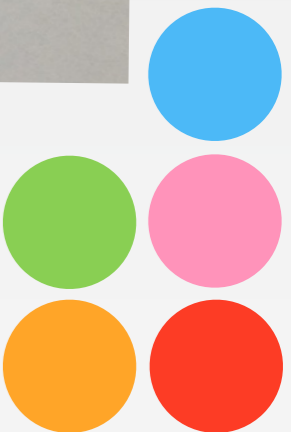
1. Took action
2. Compassion
3. Communicated

I chose this person because...
I wanted to learn more about how she banned DDT.

Overcame a Hardship/Challenge

Rachel Carson got breast cancer in 1960 but that did not stop her from writing *Silent Spring*. This is book that started an environmental movement that banned DDT.

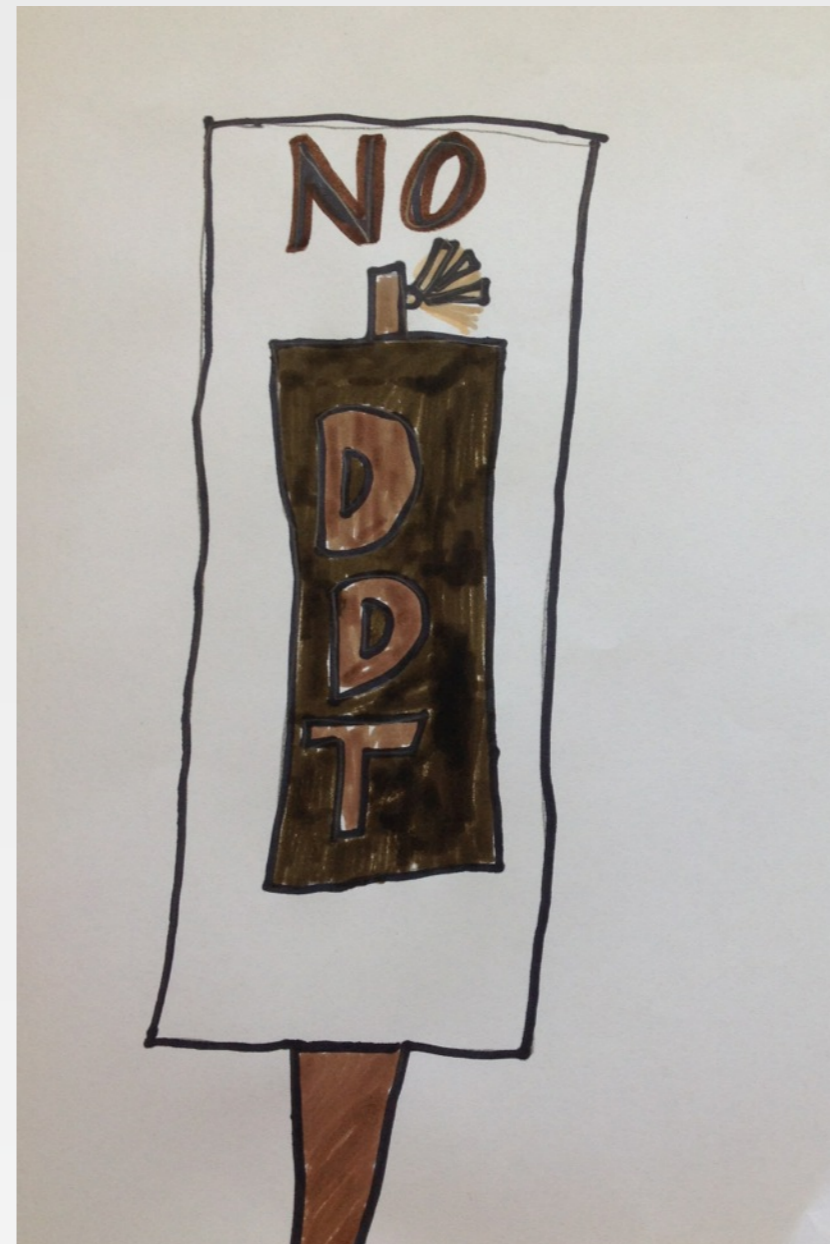
This reminds me of Wilma Rudolph when she got polio at age 3. But that did not stop her from going to the Olympics she won 3 gold when nobody else won a medal.



Showed Compassion and Empathy

Rachel Carson showed compassion and empathy to animals and marine animals because she tried to increase their numbers because DDT was decreasing their numbers in 1917 - 1964.

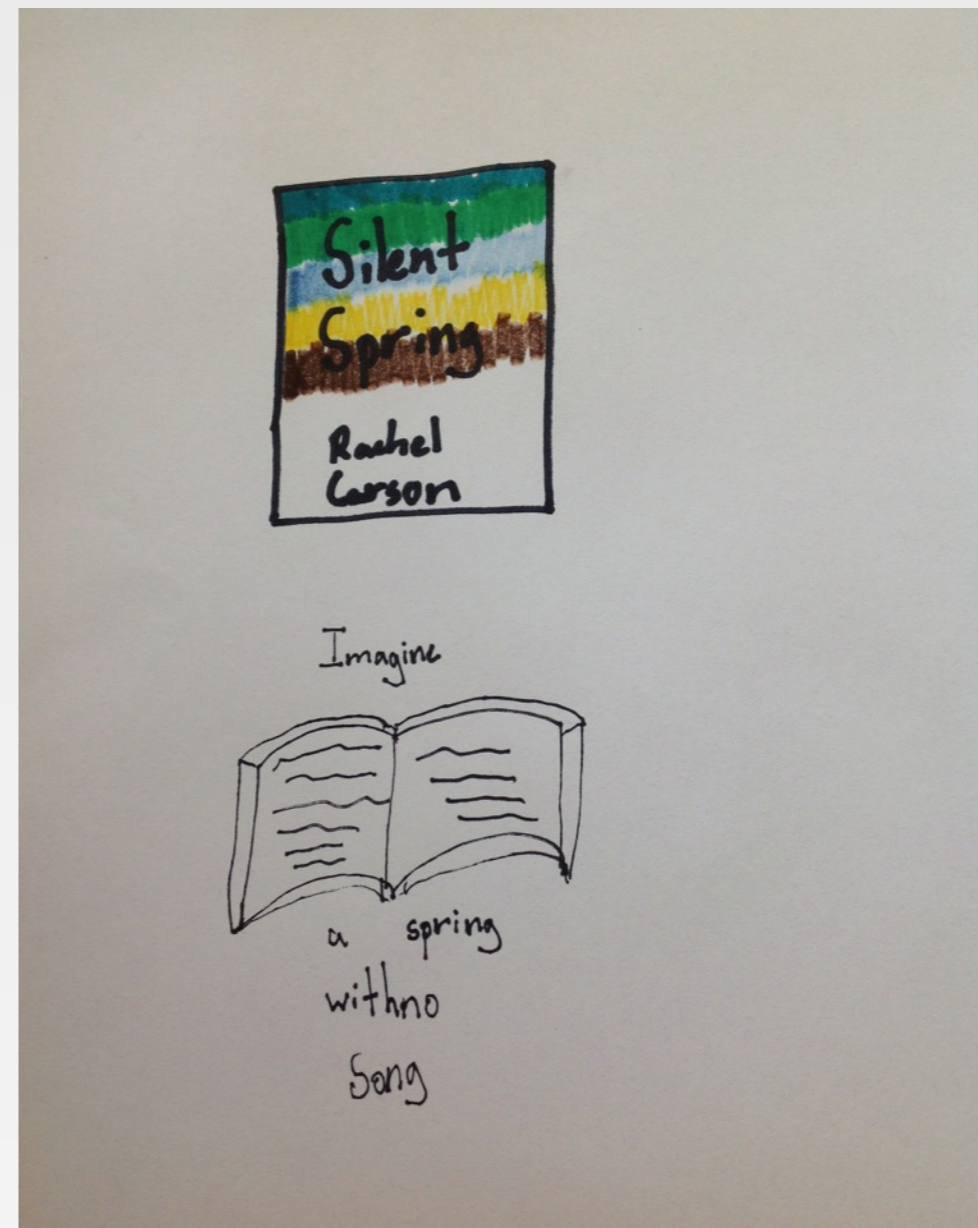
Jane Goodall showed compassion because she noticed that the chimpanzees were dying because of habitat loss.



Demonstrated Bravery/Took Action

Rachel Carson started writing *Silent Spring* to spread the word about the dangers of DDT. It could kill a variety of animals, and she discovered proof it was killing humans.

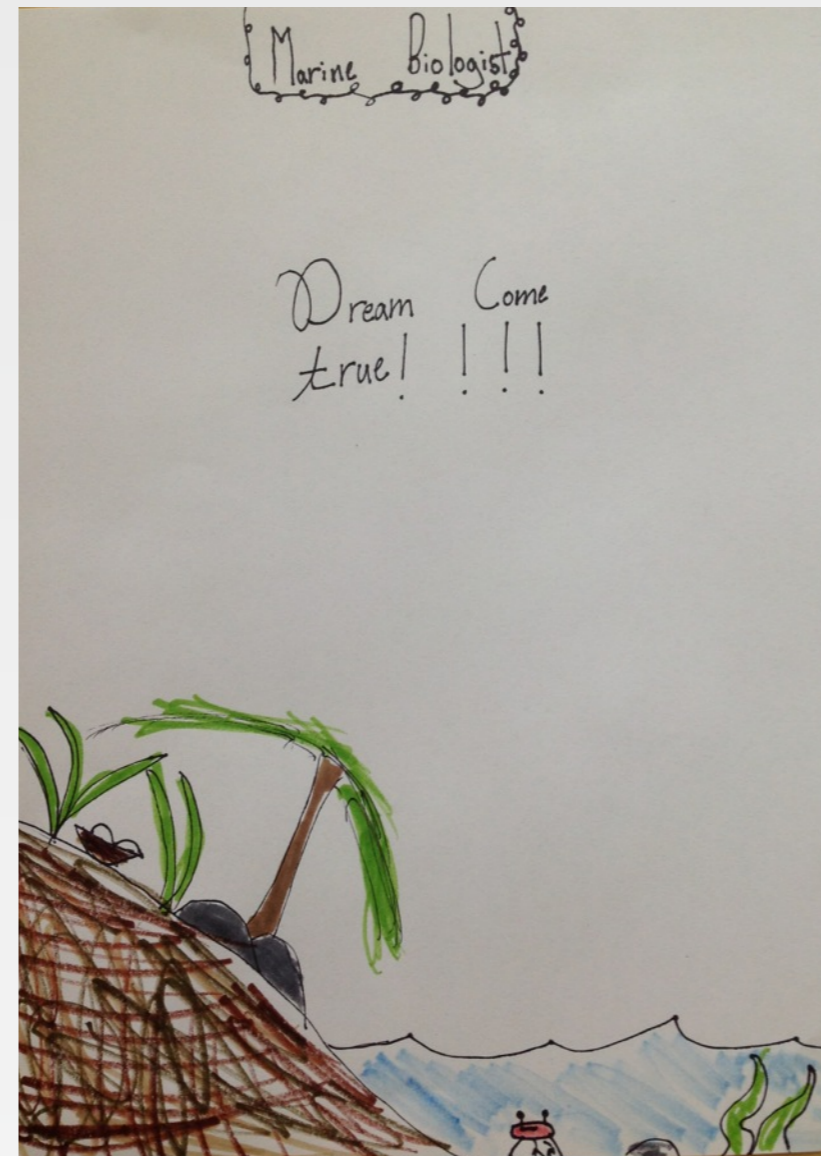
Princess Diana is like Rachel because she stopped land mines in Angola and Bosnia.



Persevered

Rachel Carson never gave up on her dream of becoming a biologist by studying the science. Because many people thought she could not become a biologist because she was a woman. She became a biologist in 1919.

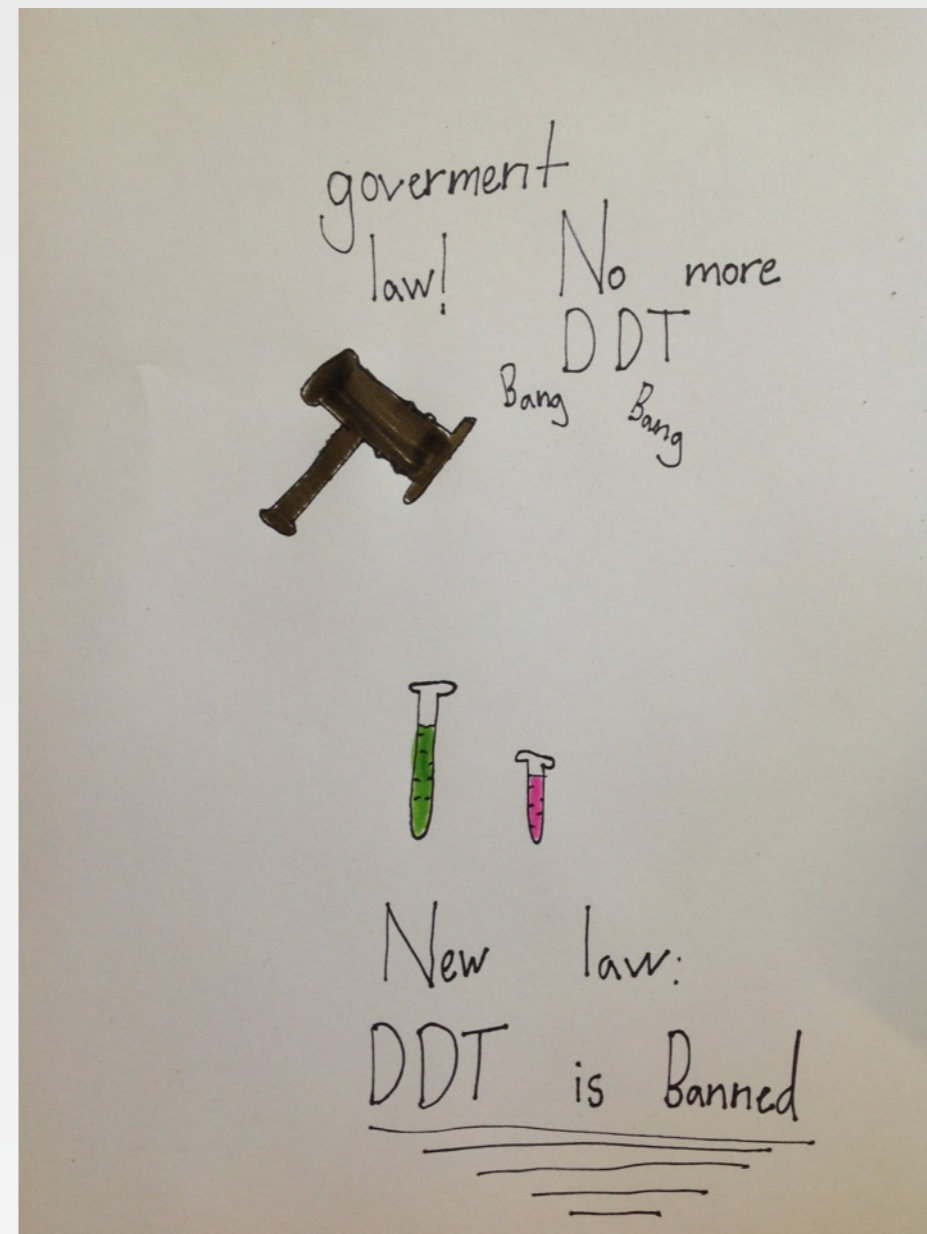
Amelia Earhart never gave up on her dream of becoming a pilot, even though she was a woman.



Impact: How Things are Different Today

She convinced the government to ban DDT in 1970 with her proof it hurts animals and humans because the toxic poisons in it can kill humans. She found this proof in 1940. No one listened to her. It was 10 years after her death that people listened.

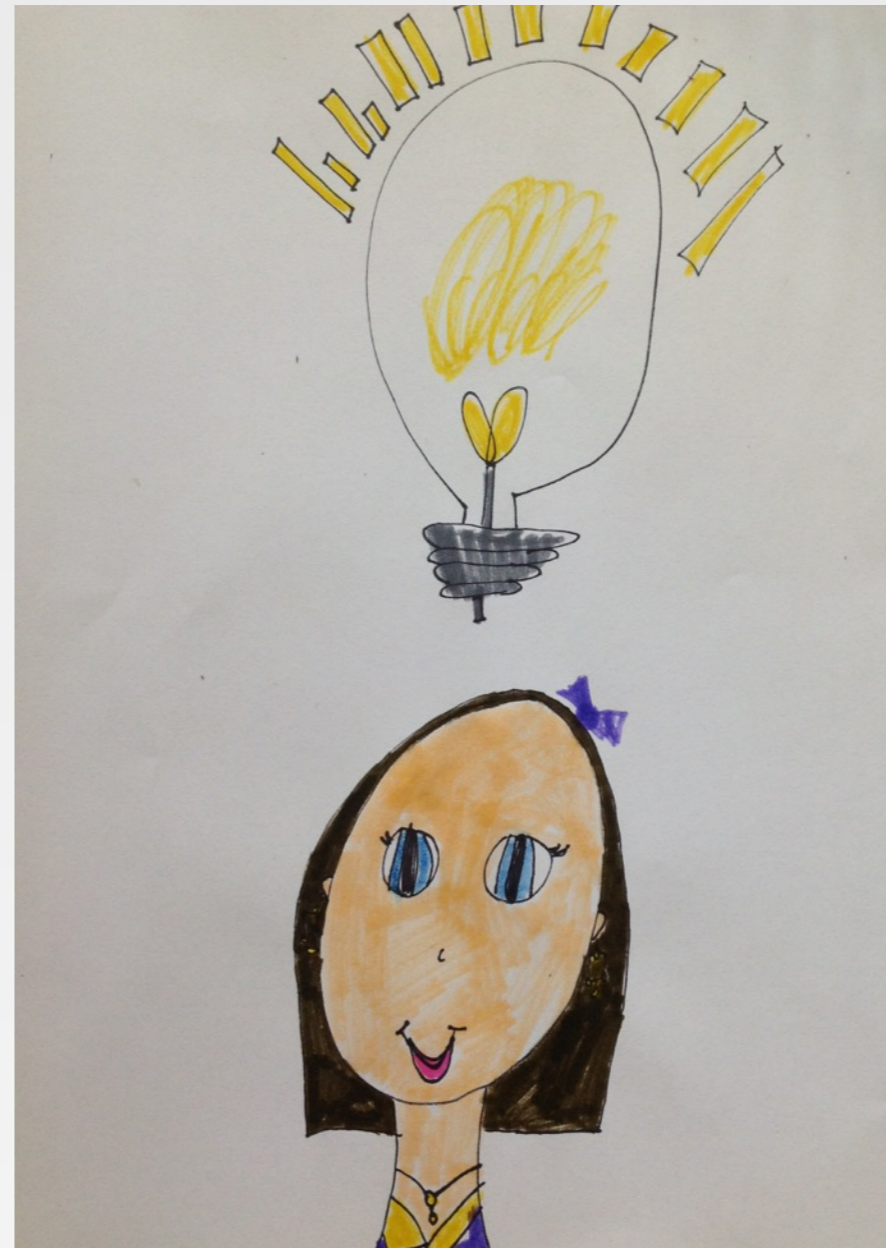
This reminds me of Susan B. Anthony because after she died woman could finally vote.



Viewed Problems as Opportunities

Rachel Carson viewed DDT an opportunity to stop the overuse of it. In 1960 she wrote *Silent Spring* to stop the use of DDT. DDT is pesticide that killed birds and possibly humans.

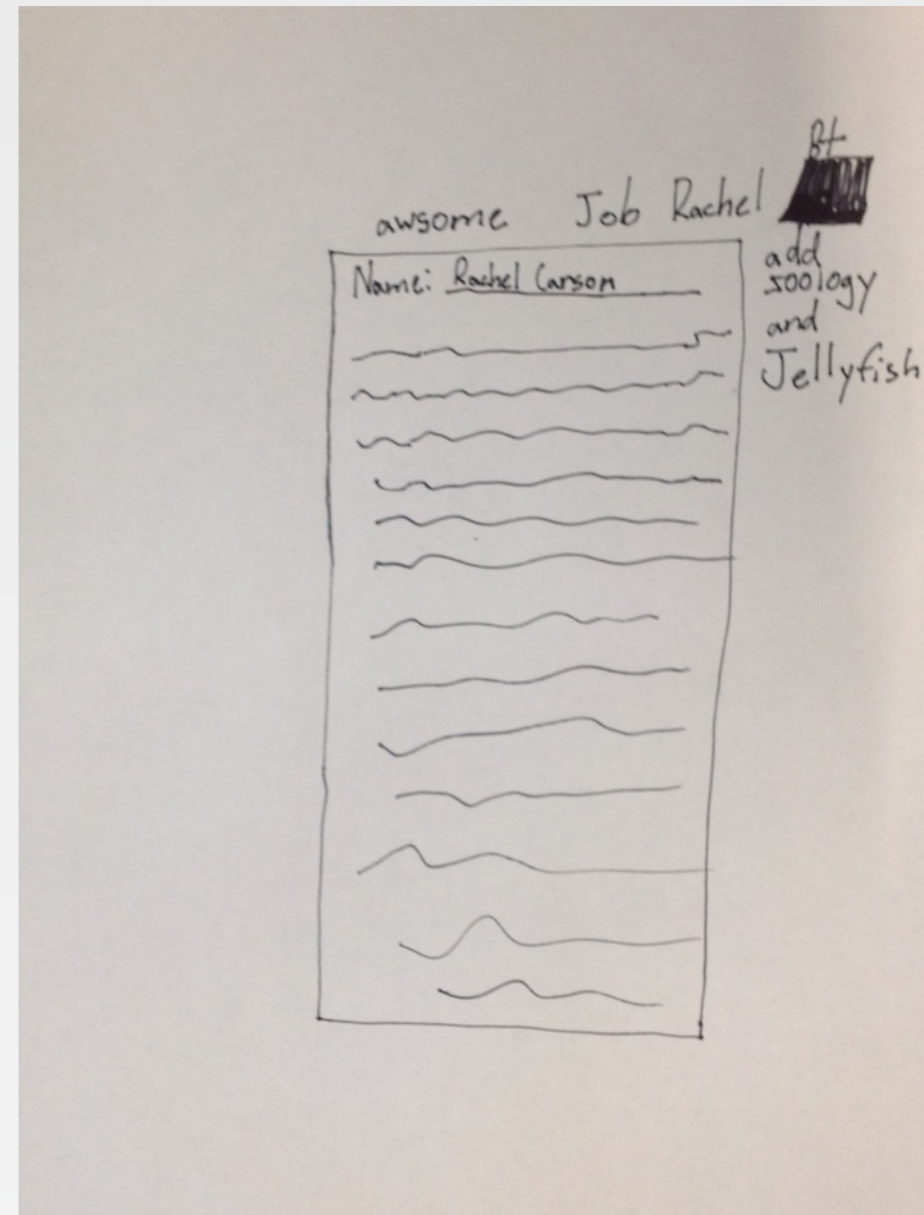
Princess Diana stopped land mines. She was trying to prevent death.



Learned from Mistakes

Rachel Carson learned from mistakes when she wrote a science essay when she was in college. Her teachers told her how to make it better. She included Zoology and Jellyfish in her study.

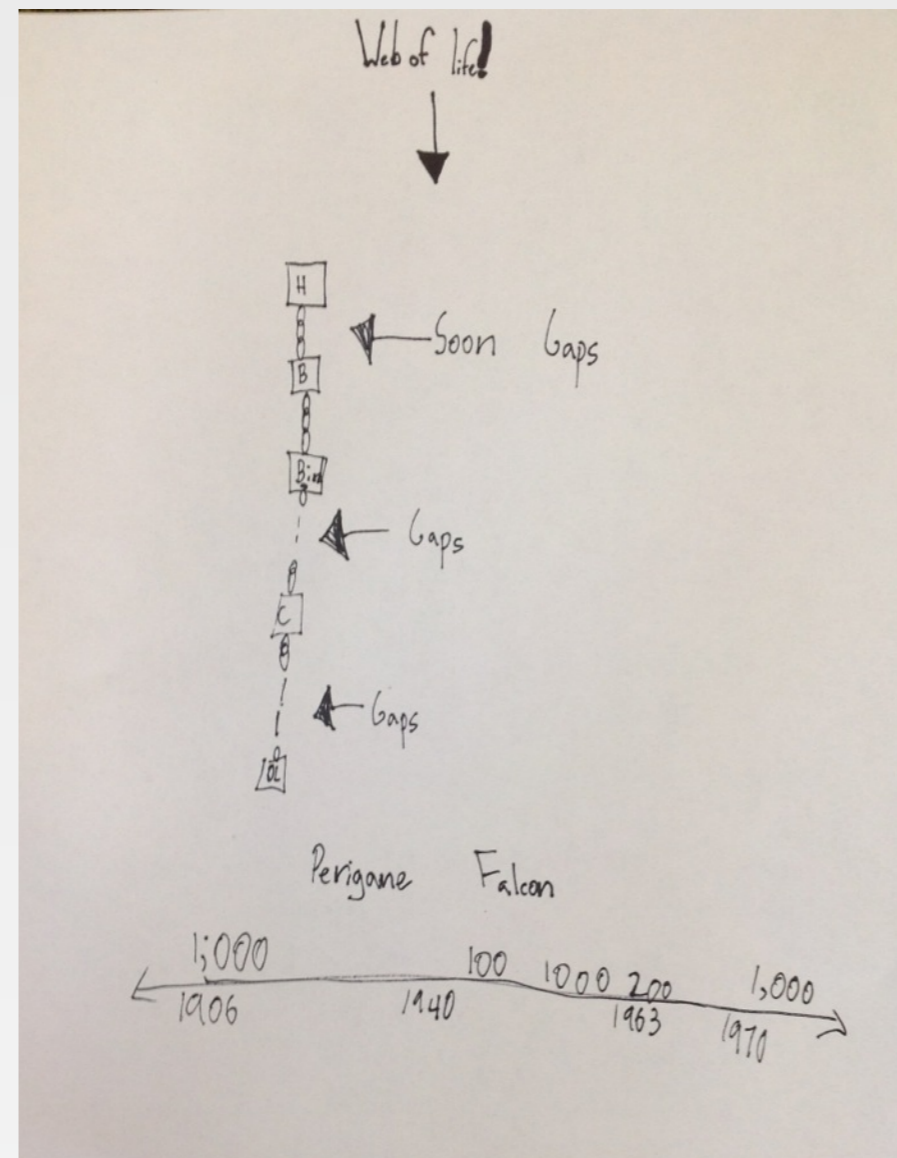
Alexander Graham Bell learned from his mistakes on the telephone.



Communicated and Shared

In 1950 Rachel Carson noticed over the years more and more garbage was being dumped into the ocean, and it was disturbing the web of life. In 1951 she wrote *Edge of the Sea*. *Edge of the Sea* was warning people that soon our oceans would be polluted.

Jane Goodall noticed that chimps' numbers were very low, and it was disturbing the web of life.



Author Talk

I'm similar to my Change Maker because... I like to read about the dangers of toxic poisons and find out about how they came to business with American people.

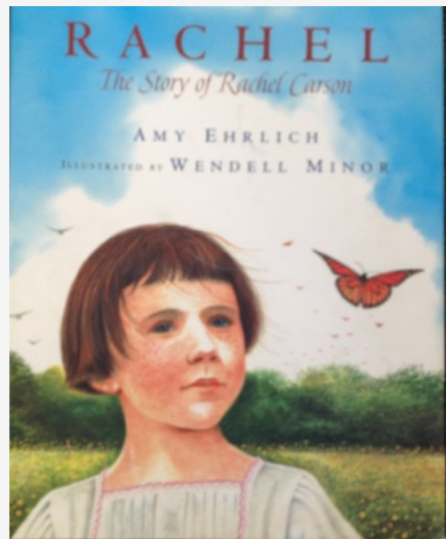
I'm a Change Maker when I... make my mom happy by giving her a hug.

My Change Maker is connected to Jane Goodall because they both loved and cared for the environment like it was their child.

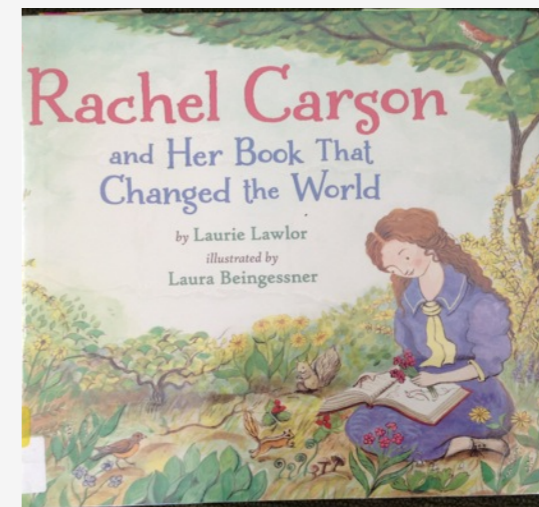


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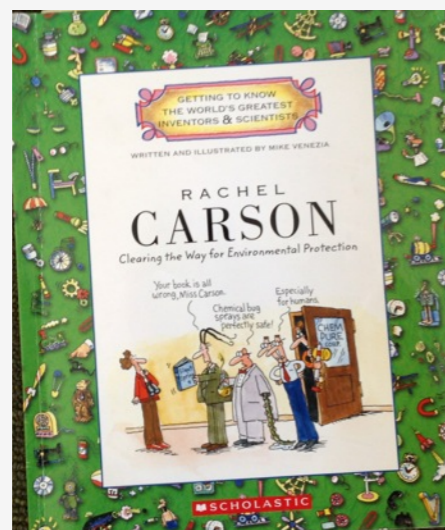
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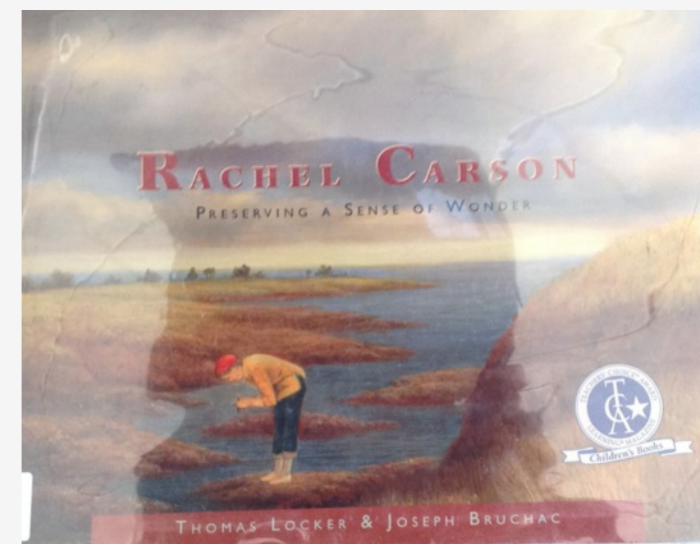
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Glossary

A Change Maker is: A change maker is someone who changed the world in a positive way by banning DDT, getting rid of land mines, banning corsets, building homes for the poor.

Essay: An essay is a piece of work you have to do in college.

Environment: The environment is the trees the leaves the plants and flowers that live on our planet.

DDT: is a toxic pesticide that killed not only bugs that spread diseases but it also killed birds and many other animals.

Author's Note

You and 2 other Change Makers that share the same racial, ethnic and/or cultural connection.

Langan Genevieve
Garrett



John F. Kennedy
Is recognized because he was President and told the US he thought all Americans should be treated equal.



Gam Burke
He and Rachel both shared a love for birds.

