

Madam C.J. Walker

1867-1919



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Introduction

Famous Quotation:

"My object in life is not simply to make for myself or to spend it on myself or to spend it on myself, I love to use a part of what I earn to help others."

Best known for:

Being the first woman millionaire.

What I find interesting:

That C.J. Walker was very poor and used her business to make herself very rich.

3 Key Qualities:

1. Bravery
2. Overcame a hardship or challenge
3. Perseverance

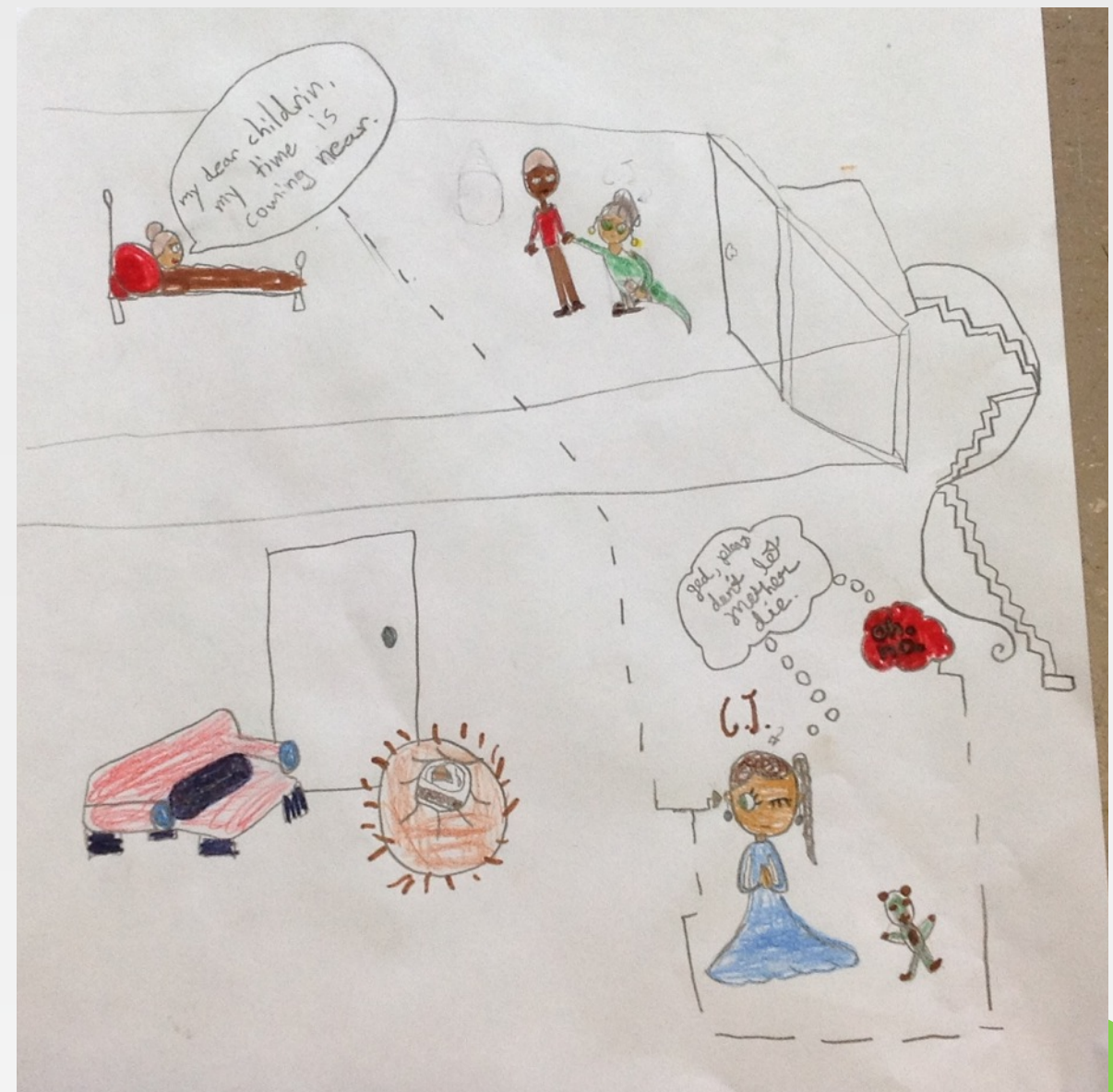
I chose this person because...

I wanted to learn more about her background and if she was a slave.

Overcame a Hardship/Challenge

When C.J. Walker was 5, her mother suddenly died. Less than 2 years later, the same thing happened to her father.

If I put my feet in her shoes, I wouldn't be able to survive much longer, without the people I love most.



Showed Compassion and Empathy

Madam C.J. Walker invented hair care products starting in 1905. Her products helped improve the health of women's hair and skin because some women were going bald.

This reminds me of Alexander Graham Bell who invented the telephone which changed people's lives. Walker's invention helped people with scalp diseases, sores on their heads, and baldness.



Demonstrated Bravery/Took Action

By 1918, there were hundreds of Walker Beauty Salons all over the USA. So her business was rising really fast. She was becoming a more and more successful business woman, when most women and African-American women were working in homes.

This reminds me of Edison because he invented the telegraph device that sends telegrams. You could send messages all over the USA. Edison also invented the movie camera which was also very popular in 1877.



Persevered

In 1912, Madam C.J. Walker went to a national negro business league (NNBL). It was all men, and they ignored her. She stood up in front of the crowd and said, " Surely you are not going to shut the door in my face. I feel like am in a business that is credit to the womanhood of our race."

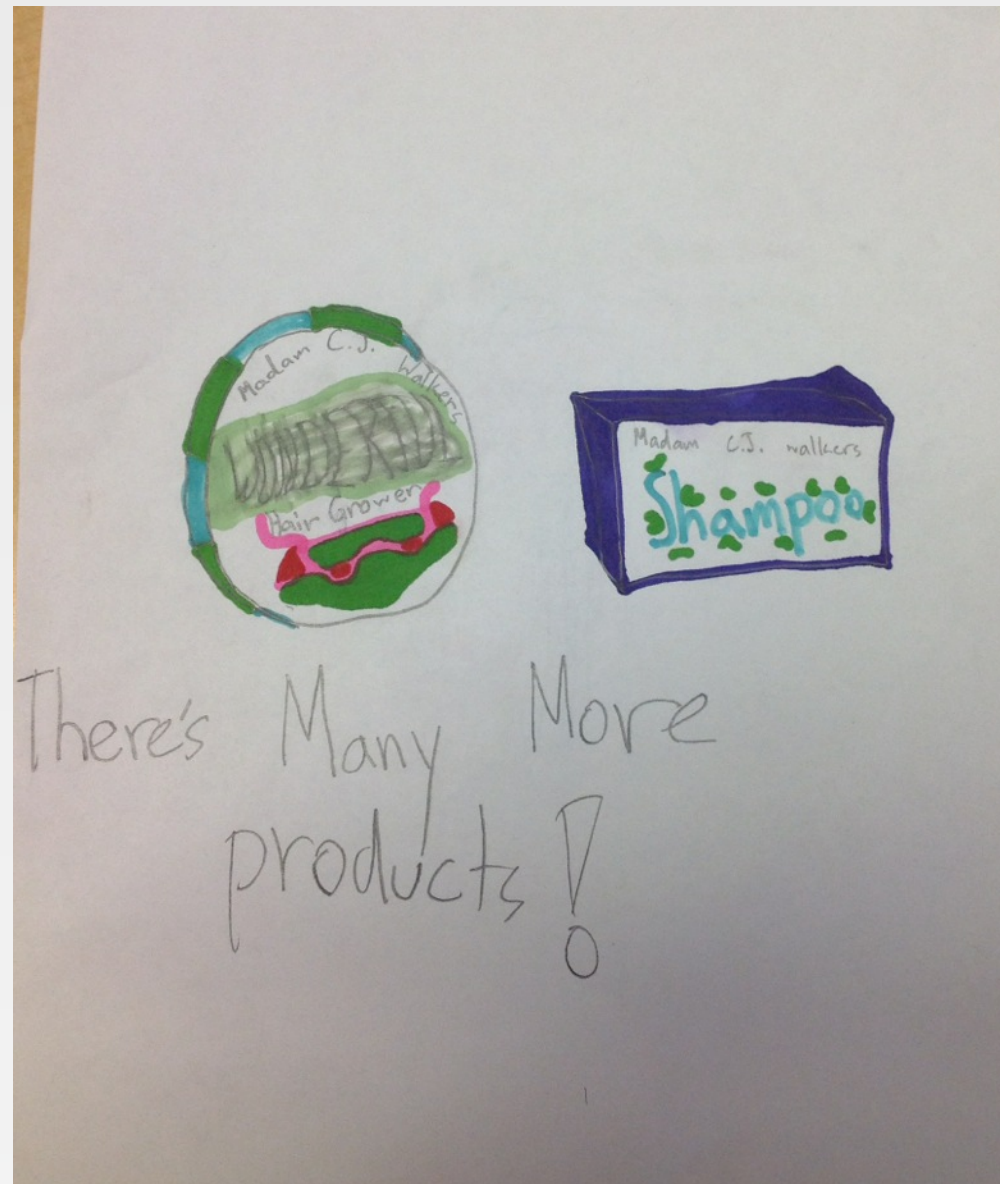
This reminds me of Jackie Robinson because he was the only Black person on the Dodgers. He kept a trying to make new friends on the team.



Impact: How Things are Different Today

Because of her business of hair care products she showed black women what they could do to change their lives along with their business, and that they could start their own business.

That when I am a young women I will definitely listen to her speeches and take many classes in how to become a entrepreneur.



Communicated and Shared

She gave many speeches about African American females and how they can start their own business. In one speech she said, "the girls and women of our race must not be afraid to take hold of business endeavors."

If I heard one of her speeches I would get right to work on my own company or just because of how powerful the speech was.



Author Talk

I'm similar to my Change Maker because we both like our hair short and we both have siblings. She stood up for herself and I stand up for myself too.

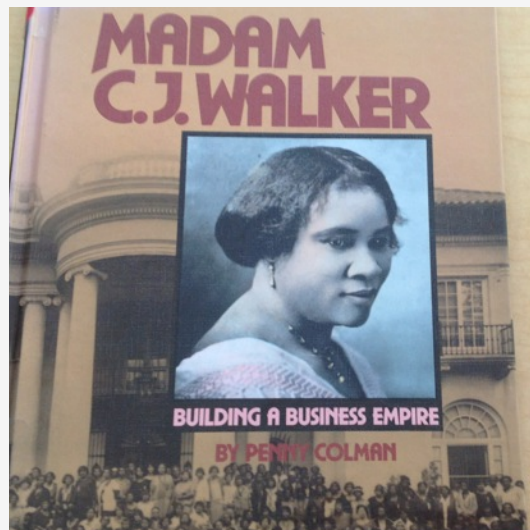
I'm a Change Maker when I take recycled objects and make art with them.

My Change Maker is connected to Alexander Graham Bell because he invented a machine that found the bullet in the president's body. They connect because they both invented things that helped people's bodies.

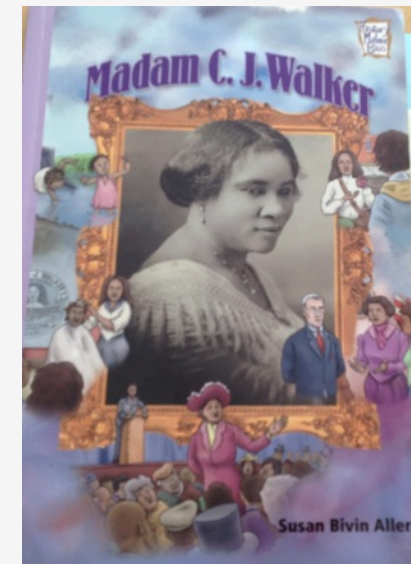


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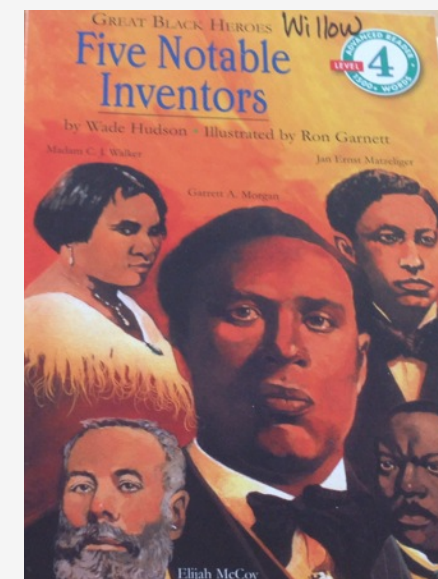
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Madam C.J.Walker and New Cosmetics



Five Notable Inventors



Glossary

A Change Maker is: Someone who makes a difference in the world by taking action, standing up for themselves and others and learning from their mistakes.

Entrepreneur: Someone who starts a business or studies what makes a business grow.

National Negro Business League (NNBL): A group that supported businesses owned by Black men and later black women business owners.

Business: It is something started by someone to make money by selling goods or services.

Author's Note

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

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Great Grandpa Dick

This Change Maker is known for being the first drunk counselor at Hazelden. Hazelden is a clinic for alcoholics and smokers. After that he co-founded a clinic at St. John's Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota.