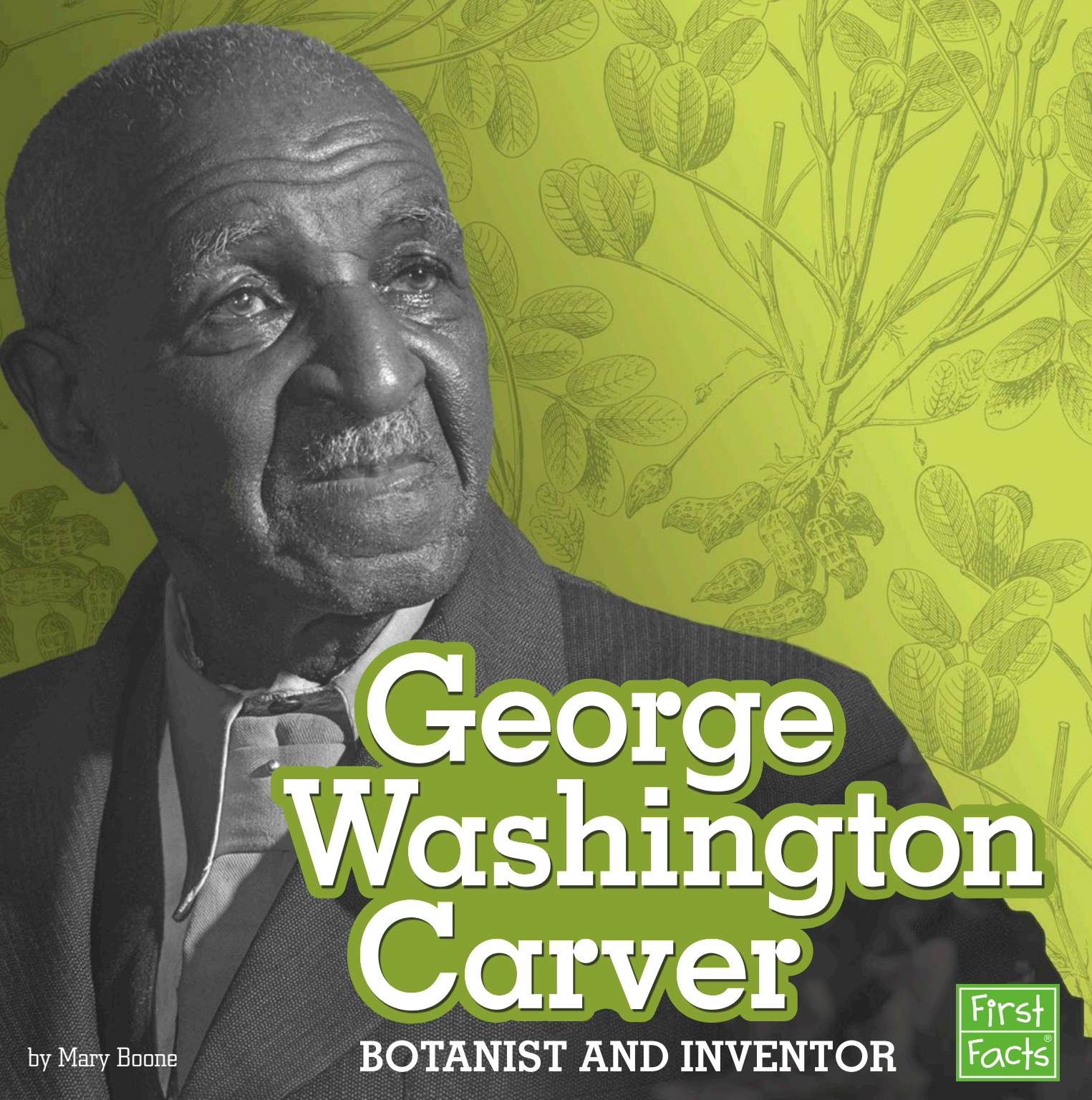




George Washington Carver

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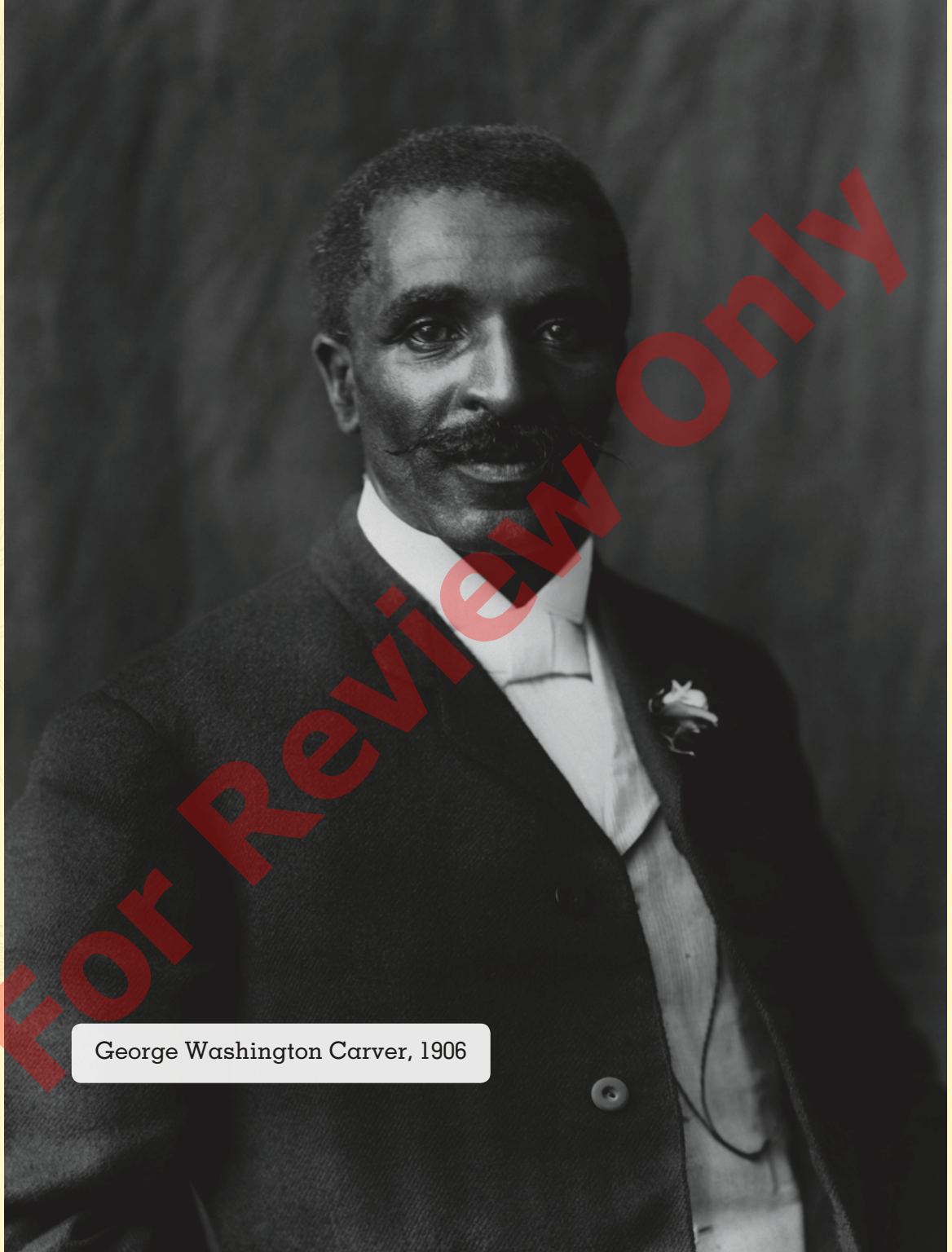
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Growing Up

Most people look at the peanut and think *snack food*.

George Washington Carver looked further. He used the peanut to make products such as shoe polish and shampoo. His **imagination** helped him develop hundreds of uses for this plant. He became one of the world's most famous inventors.

imagination—the ability to form pictures in your mind of things that are not present or real



George Washington Carver, 1906

George was born around 1864 in Diamond, Missouri. His parents, Mary and Giles, were slaves. When he was just one week old, George, his mother, and his sister were kidnapped. George was soon found and returned to slave owners Moses and Susan Carver. They decided to raise and educate him and his brother, James.

FACT

In 1865 the 13th Amendment was added to the U.S. Constitution. It made owning slaves illegal.



George Washington Carver
National Monument in
Diamond, Missouri

CHAPTER 2

Love of Learning

When George was young, few schools would allow African-American students. Susan Carver taught George at home. George liked learning about plants the most. He loved to care for the Carvers' gardens. He often nursed dying flowers back to health. People called him "The Plant Doctor."

George painting a plant

