

Answers

1. How old was Margaret when she witnessed an accident at the mill? Tick one.

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2. Order the following statements from 1-5 to show the order they happened in William's life.

2	William married Constance Mundy and became an MP.
5	William invented light-sensitive paper.
1	William's father died.
3	William visited Lake Como.
4	William dreamed of a machine that could sketch for him.

3. Name two of the jobs that William did?

Accept any two of the following: Member of Parliament (MP); scientist; inventor.

4. Fill in the missing words from this sentence:

During the Victorian era, many Africans were sold as slaves and they were not treated as equals.

5. Find and copy a phrase from the text that shows that George's exact birthdate is not known.

sometime in the early 1860s

6. Summarise William's first invention, and his reasons for making it, in 30 words or less.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Because his sketching skills were limited, William dreamed up a machine to sketch for him. Due to his interest in light and chemicals, he went on to invent light-sensitive paper.

7. Why do you think that Charles Annan stole Margaret's design?

Pupils' own responses, such as: Charles did not think that a woman was capable of inventing something so useful and wanted to receive the credit for Margaret's invention.

8. Why do you think that George became a botanist?

Pupils' own responses, such as: As a child, George was interested in both science and the arts and by becoming a botanist, he was able to combine his two passions: studying plants and then recording his findings.

9. Describe an invention that you would like to make.

Pupils' own description of an invention.