

WIDA ACCESSTM

Sample Reading Items: Clarence Birdseye

Using this document

Review this sample item for a better understanding of the WIDA ACCESS Paper Reading test. Use this item in any way that is helpful for you and your students. If practical for your classroom, WIDA strongly encourages you to do a full mock administration of this sample item, as a realistic administration can help prepare your students for the real test.

If you do plan a mock administration, set aside 30 minutes to explain the activity and allow students to answer the questions. Create materials for the mock administration by printing:

- One copy of page 1 for yourself.
- One copy of pages 2–5 for each student. (Print single sided)

Introducing the sample items

Explain to your students that they are about to complete a reading exercise. This exercise is similar to a test they will take in the future. The test will be their opportunity to demonstrate their English proficiency in reading, and this practice exercise will help them get ready for the test.

When the students are ready and understand what they are going to do, pass out the test materials. Each student needs a complete copy of the sample test items and a pencil.

Ask the students to write their name at the top of the page.

Monitoring the test

As you monitor the students' work, check to make sure that each question has been answered. Do not check whether responses are correct or not. If any responses are missing, point them out to the students and invite them to try again.

End the testing session by saying:

Please put your pencil down, and I will collect your papers.

Name: _____

Part A: Clarence Birdseye

Read a short biography about Clarence Birdseye, a scientist and inventor.


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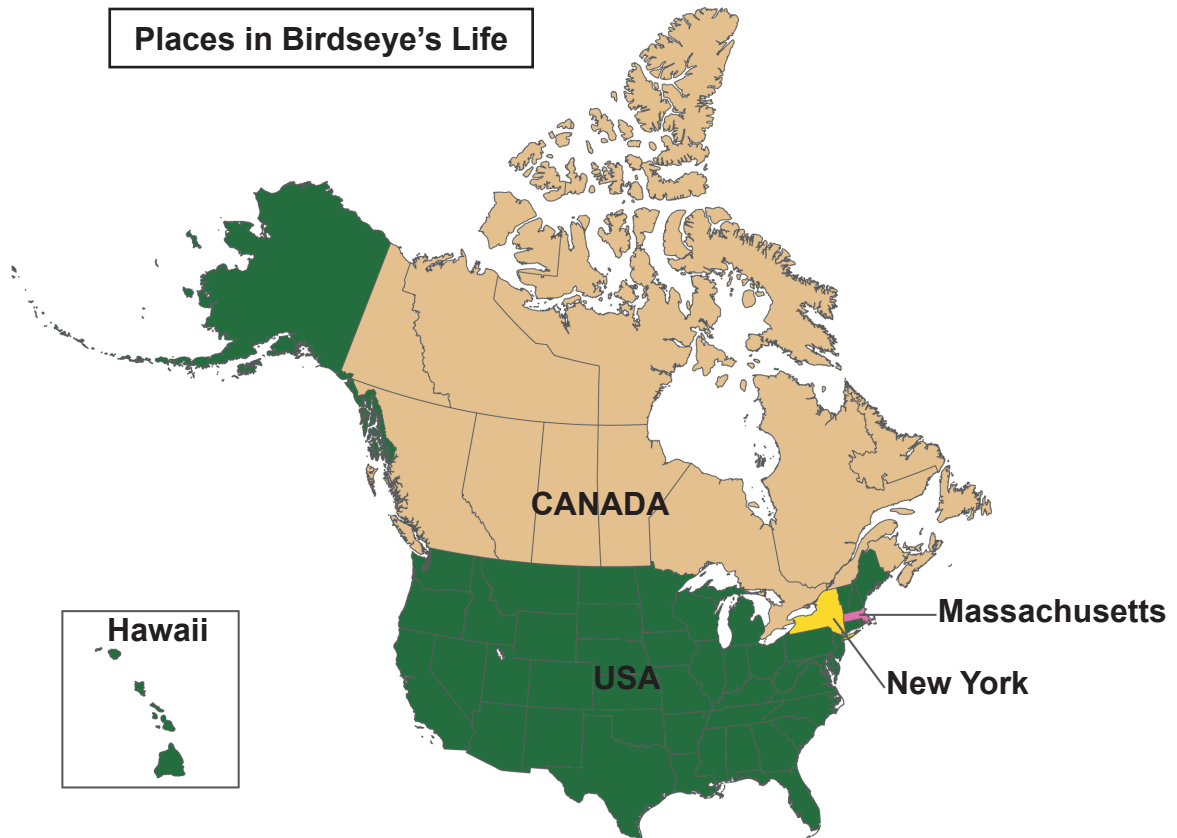


Clarence Birdseye (1886–1956)
Biography of a Scientist and Inventor

Birdseye's Early Life

Clarence Birdseye was born in New York. He attended college in Massachusetts. Then he moved to Canada.

Places in Birdseye's Life



Where did Clarence Birdseye go to college?

New York



Massachusetts



Canada



Birdseye Gets an Idea

In the early 1900s, Clarence Birdseye watched Inuit people ice fishing in Canada. The fish froze very quickly in the cold air. This observation gave Birdseye an idea for a new way to freeze foods.



What gave Clarence Birdseye an idea?

Catching a fish



Feeling cold air



Watching fish freeze



Frozen Food

Clarence Birdseye returned to the United States from Canada and designed a quick-freezing machine. Before the 1930s, some people did not want to buy frozen foods because they thought that freezing food reduced the quality. Birdseye's machine improved the flavor and texture of frozen foods. Soon, people wanted these improved frozen foods, and stores all over the United States began to offer foods that had not always been available before.



Which statement tells how Clarence Birdseye changed frozen food?

- ☐ He reduced the availability.
- ☐ He increased the quality.
- ☐ He slowed the freezing process.
- ☐ He designed a machine in Canada.