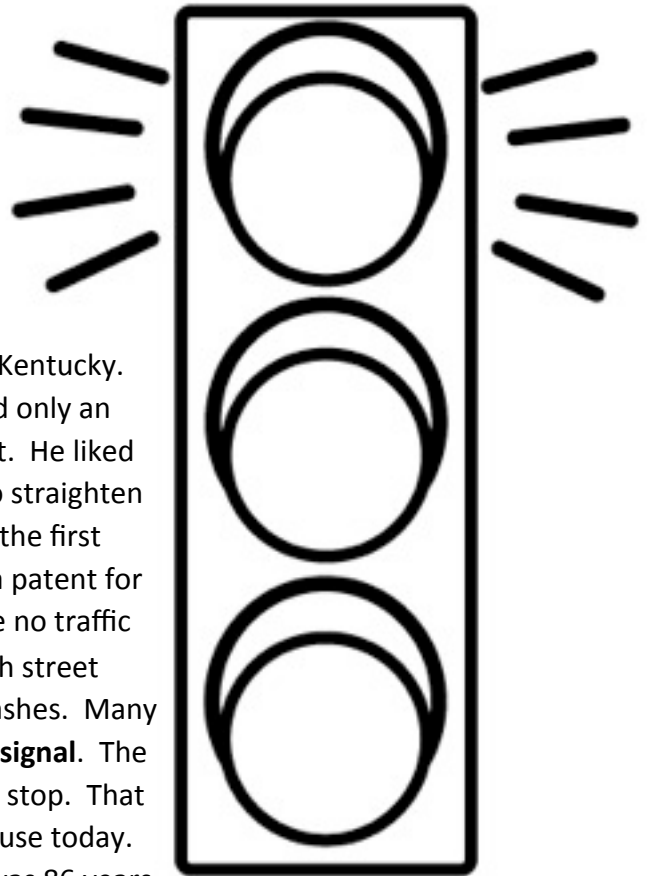


Garrett Morgan



Garrett Morgan: Garrett Morgan was born in Paris, Kentucky. He had ten brothers and sisters. Garrett Morgan had only an elementary school education. But he was very smart. He liked to invent things. His first discovery was a chemical to straighten hair. The G. A. Morgan Hair Cream is believed to be the first human hair straightener. In 1923, Garrett received a patent for a very important invention. Before 1923, there were no traffic lights. Cars and horse-drawn carriages drove through street intersections at their own risk. There were many crashes. Many people were hurt. Garrett invented an **electric light signal**. The different-colored lights told the driver when to go or stop. That was the beginning of the **traffic light system** we still use today. Garrett Morgan lived a long and successful life. He was 86 years old when he died.

Think about your day to day activities and chores. In what ways could you make doing these things easier? Think about something you could invent that many students could use. What would that be and why? How would it be used? Write about it.

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