

## SW1 - Historic Heroes Gap Fill Activity

### The Story of Edward Jenner

Reading Comprehension

Can you fill in the blanks in the story from the words in the box below?

Edward Jenner was born in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, England. As a young boy Jenner’s favourite subject was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and when he grew up he became a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. At the time the people of England were terrified of a deadly disease called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Symptoms included severe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and many people died. Jenner noticed that milkmaids who caught the harmless infection \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, from their milking cows did not die from smallpox. Jenner took pus from the hand of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who had cow pox and infected a boy called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The boy got infected with cowpox but soon recovered. Jenner then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ James with smallpox. A \_\_\_\_\_\_ developed but the boy did not develop smallpox. Jenner was delighted that his idea was correct, he went on to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all the children in his town with cowpox to stop them getting smallpox.

Cowpox, James Phipps, Smallpox, Gloucestershire, Doctor, Milk-maid, Science, Scarring, Infected, Scab, Vaccinate

**A Historic Hero**

Dr Edward Jenner is one of the most important people in scientific history.

Without his discovery of vaccinations more than half your class would not be here today.

**Did you know?**  
By the age of 9 each child may have had at least 12 injections to prevent 13 different dangerous infections.

**Fascinating Fact**

Vaccination comes from the Latin word for a cow – vacca

Understanding

Answer the following questions:

1. What was the name of the doctor who discovered vaccinations?  
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2. What was the name of the deadly disease at the time?  
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3. What was Jenner’s idea to stop the deadly disease?  
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4. What happened to James after he was infected with the cowpox?  
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5. What happened to James after he was infected with the smallpox?  
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6. Why was it important for Jenner to test his idea on James before treating lots of children?  
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