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Annie Turnbo Malone

Annie Turnbo was born in Illinois in 1869. She was the tenth of eleventh children, and her sister raised her after her parents died when she was young.

She was sick and missed school a lot as a young girl, so she didn't graduate high school. She found out she really liked chemistry and was good at it. Chemistry is the study of how substances interact with one another.

With her chemistry knowledge, she created a product to straighten African Americans' hair that was less harsh than the other products on the market. Harsh means rough. She created a whole line of hair and beauty products for African American women.

She moved to St. Louis to grow her business and became a millionaire. She was very generous with her money and donated to many causes to help African American children. Generous means willing to give and share. She even established her own cosmetology college for African American girls to learn how to become beauticians. She died in 1957 at the age of 87.

Vocabulary:

chemistry
harsh
generous

Who is this
passage about?

What did Annie do to
better the lives of
African Americans?

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Directions: Using the passage, define each word.

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Directions: Use the words in a sentence.

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Directions: Circle whether each statement is true or false.

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| 1. Annie graduated high school. | True | False |
| 2. She lived with her parents all her life. | True | False |
| 3. Her sister raised her. | True | False |
| 4. Annie created a hair product for African Americans. | True | False |
| 5. The product helped straighten hair. | True | False |
| 6. She didn't make any money in her business. | True | False |
| 7. She was very stingy with her money. | True | False |
| 8. She created a college to teach girls how to be teachers. | True | False |
| 9. She was born in Illinois. | True | False |
| 10. She died when she was 87. | True | False |