



🧡 Women Who Changed the World

Grade 3

Name: _____

Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

Maria Montessori: The Woman Who Changed How Children Learn



Have you ever wondered how schools could be different? Maria Montessori certainly did, and her ideas changed how children learn all around the world!

Born in Italy in 1870, Maria was a very smart student. She loved science and worked hard. She became one of Italy's first female doctors, which was a big accomplishment for a woman in those days.

After working with children, she saw that they learned best by exploring and doing things themselves. She created special hands-on materials and a new way of teaching. Her first school, called the "Casa dei Bambini" or "Children's House," opened in Rome in 1907.

Many people at first did not understand her new ideas. They thought children should sit still and listen, not move around and choose their own work. But Maria showed everyone how well her method helped children learn.

Today, Montessori schools are found in many countries. Her important work helps millions of children become curious, confident, and independent learners. She truly changed education.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) **Where was Maria Montessori born?**



- A Italy B France C Germany D England

(2) **Maria Montessori became one of Italy's first female _____.**

— continue writing on the lines below

(3) **In the passage, what does the word "accomplishment" mean?**

- A A difficult problem B A big mistake C Something successfully done
- D A type of game

(4) **Why do you think Maria Montessori kept teaching her new way even when many people didn't understand her ideas at first? Use details from the passage.**

(5) **How has Maria Montessori's work changed the world? What can we learn from her life?**

