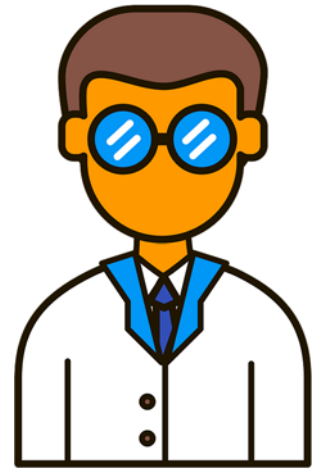


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Understanding a Longer Passage

Read the passage: In the small town of Willow Creek, there was a boy named Jared who dreamed of being a scientist. Every day after school, Jared visited the local library to read books about space, animals, and volcanoes. He loved learning about how things worked and often tried small science experiments in his garage. One day, Jared read about an invention contest being held at the community center. Excited, he began working on a project to clean dirty water using only everyday items. After weeks of testing and improving his idea, Jared finally presented his invention to the judges—and he won first prize! Jared's dream of becoming a scientist felt closer than ever.



Answer the questions:

1. What was Jared's dream?
2. Where did he spend a lot of time learning?
3. What kind of topics did Jared enjoy reading about?
4. What inspired Jared to build his invention?
5. How did Jared feel at the end of the story? Use clues from the passage to explain your answer.

Think deeper:

6. Why do you think Jared worked so hard on his invention?
7. What does this story tell us about learning outside of school?

Ask your own questions:

Write 2 questions that would help a classmate understand the story better.

1. _____

2. _____