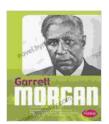
# Garrett Morgan: A Great African American Inventor

Garrett Morgan was a brilliant inventor who made significant contributions to the field of transportation and safety. He is best known for inventing the three-position traffic signal and the gas mask. His inventions have saved countless lives and made the world a safer place.

#### **Early Life and Education**

Garrett Morgan was born on March 4, 1877, in Paris, Kentucky. He was the son of former slaves, and he grew up in poverty. Despite his humble beginnings, Morgan was a bright and ambitious young man. He attended school and worked hard to improve his education.



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After graduating from high school, Morgan moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. He worked as a handyman and a waiter, but he never gave up on his dream of becoming an inventor. In his spare time, he studied mechanics and engineering.

#### **Inventions**

In 1910, Morgan invented the three-position traffic signal. This invention revolutionized the way traffic was controlled, and it helped to reduce accidents and save lives.

In 1914, Morgan invented the gas mask. This invention was inspired by the deadly gas attacks that were used in World War I. Morgan's gas mask was the first to be used by the U.S. military, and it helped to protect soldiers from the effects of poison gas.

In addition to his two most famous inventions, Morgan also invented a number of other devices, including a smoke hood, a breathing apparatus, and a hair-straightening comb.

#### Legacy

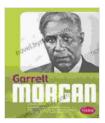
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Morgan's legacy is one of innovation and determination. He was a self-taught inventor who overcame poverty and prejudice to achieve his dreams. His story is an inspiration to us all, and his inventions continue to make the world a better place.

#### **Sarah Schuette**

Sarah Schuette is the author of the book *Garrett Morgan: Great African Americans*. This book is a biography of Morgan's life and work. Schuette's book is a well-written and engaging account of Morgan's life. It is a great

way to learn more about this important inventor and his contributions to the world.



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