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# Reading Comprehension IV

*Stories of Great Inventors: Eli Whitney*

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1. What were the men visiting Mrs. Greene talking about with one another? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What did Mrs. Greene tell the visiting men that Eli could help them with? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What happened to Eli Whitney's cotton-gin before he could get a patent? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What happened to slavery because of the cotton-gin?

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5. What did Whitney have a contract to make for the  
U.S. government? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What were the later years of Eli Whitney's life like?

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