

## Instructions

Read the following passage about the history of cotton candy, then answer the questions that follow.

Cotton candy, also known as fairy floss, is a popular sweet treat made from spun sugar. Its history dates back to the late 19th century. The first machine to produce cotton candy was invented by a dentist named William Morrison and his partner John C. Wharton in 1897. They created the machine for the purpose of making a sweet treat at a World's Fair. It was an instant hit and saw huge success!

Initially, cotton candy was made with a machine that spun sugar and introduced air to create a light and fluffy texture. It was sold on a stick and became popular at fairs and carnivals. The bright colors and spun texture made it an appealing treat for children and adults alike.

Over the years, cotton candy has evolved, with different flavors and colors becoming available. Today, it is enjoyed at theme parks, birthday parties, and various celebrations around the world!

## Questions

1. Who invented the first machine to make cotton candy?
2. In what year was the cotton candy machine invented?
3. What was the original purpose of the cotton candy machine?
4. How was cotton candy typically sold when it first became popular?
5. What are two places where you might find cotton candy today?

## Activity

Imagine you are at a fair and you can create your own unique flavor of cotton candy. Describe what flavor you would choose and why you think it would be a hit with other people. Write a few sentences about your idea:

## Bonus Question

If you could ask William Morrison one question about his invention, what would it be? Write your question below: