OUR COUNTY, OUR STORY: 250 YEARS IN THE TUSCARAWAS VALLEY

FEBRUARY: INVENTIONS, INNOVATIONS, BUSINESS & WORK

Discussion Questions:

1. What qualities do you think make someone a successful entrepreneur?
2. How have companies like Gradall or Belden Brick contributed to the growth of our county?
3. What's an invention or local business idea you would launch in Tuscarawas County if you could?
4. Why is it important to preserve the stories of local innovators like George Miskimen and Jacob Geib?

Class Activities:

1. Shark Tank-Style Pitch: Students invent a product inspired by local business history and present it to a panel.
2. Local Business Spotlight: Assign students to research a local company and create a presentation or mini-documentary.
3. Patent Project: Explore Agnes Reeves, George Miskimen, Jacob Geib, or other Tuscarawas County patents and challenge students to sketch their own "original invention."

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