

➤ 7 - Jerry Lawson's children where really lucky, explain why: /4

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➤ 8 - Complete the details about this electronic device: /4

• Name of the electronic device:



3 of the most important features*:

- 1
- 2
- 3

*features: caractéristiques

SCORE/44 → /20

2. WRITING - Now you can play with the interactive Doodle

➤ Visit this website and complete the details about the Doodle:

<https://www.google.com/doodles/gerald-jerry-lawsons-82nd-birthday?hl=en-GB>



1. Reason why this game was created:

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2. Description of the 6 games you can play: (explain the goal and the rules)

Game #1:

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Game #2:

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Game #3:

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Game #4:

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Game #5:

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Game #6:

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➤ **1 - Find the equivalents of the following words in the text :** /8

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| a. Une personne qui recherche les anomalies dans un jeu : | e. succès/réussites : |
| b. bricoler, bidouiller : (to) | f. de toute une vie : |
| c. cartouches de jeu video : | g. finalement : |
| d. socialement défavorisés : | h. le secteur de la technologie : |

➤ **2 - Find details about the person portrayed in the article:** /10

His name: **His surname:** **His nickname:**

His job: He worked as an and as an

Date of his death: **Name of his children:** and

Period when he was the most active: ☐ the 1960s ☐ the 1970s ☐ the 1980s ☐ the 1990s

One of his major achievements: He helped to design the

➤ **3 - True or false, justify your answer with a quote from the text:** /6

a. Jerry Lawson had a major influence on the video game industry.

T/F

b. Jerry Lawson was really famous for his work in the tech industry.

T/F

c. When he started, he was one of very few Black engineers working in the tech industry.

T/F

➤ **4 - Name two distinctions that honor his contributions:** /4

• **First distinction:**

• **Second distinction:**

➤ **5 - What is a Google Doodle? Circle the right answer.** /2

a. A Google service that allows people to visit various places in the world.

b. An interactive drawing on Google's homepage that allows users to play games or learn about a particular subject.

c. A to-do list that people who use Google services can use as a memory aid.

➤ **6 - Complete the details about Jerry Lawson's career:** /6

• **Things he enjoyed doing when he was young:**

• **He studied at**

• **He got a job at**

• **He got a promotion at his job:**

• **He had a lot of ambition so he**

• **He loved his job so much that**

1. READING - J. Lawson, the Work of a Video Game Pioneer



Search Google or type a URL

Gerald "Jerry" Lawson, who died in 2011 was an engineer and entrepreneur who played a crucial role in the creation of the first home video gaming system with interchangeable **cartridges***. This system helped establish the basis for future gaming systems like Atari and Super Nintendo.

Lawson's **achievements*** were impressive because there were not many Black engineers in **the tech industry*** in the 1970s. However, his children told Google that due to problems in the video game market, Lawson's story is not well-known today.

In recent years, there have been new efforts to recognize Jerry Lawson for his contributions. He is remembered at the World Video Game Hall of Fame in New York and The University of Southern California has created a fund in honor of Lawson to help pay for **under-represented*** students who want to study game design and computer science.

Thursday's Google Doodle is another such effort. It features games designed by three guest artists, all of whom are people of color: Lauren Brown, Davionne Gooden and Momo Pixel.

In a Google video explaining the Doodle, his son, Anderson Lawson said he hopes young people will be inspired by the games and the man behind them.

"When people play this Doodle, I hope they're inspired to be imaginative," he said. "And I hope that some little kid somewhere that looks like me and wants to get into game development, hearing about my father's story makes them feel like they can."

Jerry Lawson was an inspiration not only in the field of gaming, but also to his family. He had a **lifelong*** passion for science and started **tinkering*** with electronics at a young age. He even built his own radio station out of recycled materials in his room in Jamaica, Queens. After studying at Queens College and City College of New York, Lawson moved to Palo Alto and joined Fairchild Semiconductor, where he **eventually*** became the director of engineering and marketing for the video game department. He played a key role in the development of the Fairchild Channel F system, the first video game console with interchangeable cartridges, a digital joystick, and a pause menu. In 1980, Lawson started his own company, VideoSoft, one of the first Black-owned video game development companies. He continued to work in the field until his death at the age of 70.

His children, Karen and Anderson, remember him as a good dad who taught and encouraged them. They often played games that their dad's team designed when they were young. They only later realized that their dad was using them – joking that they only later realized he was putting them to work as testers and **bug-catchers***.

And now Google Doodle players can create their own destinies – or at the very least, games – in his honor.

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<https://www.npr.org/2022/12/01/1140063531/google-doodle-games-jerry-lawson>

3. LISTENING TEST - Behind the Doodle

- *Watch and listen to the video document.
Get ready to give an account in French.*

4. ORAL PRESENTATION - Career Day Speech - A Dream Job

For this activity, you will be **acting as an adult** who has been **invited** to speak at a **school's career day**.

A career day is an event at a school where people come to talk to students about different careers and jobs.

Follow these steps to complete the assignment:



- *1 - Choose a dream job (that you would love to do).*

- *2 - Research your chosen job, include details such as:*

☐ The job's title. *[engineer, scientist, nurse, doctor, game designer...]*

☐ Your workplace, your work environment

Ex: I work in an office, in a building. I work outside.

☐ The people you work WITH. The people you work FOR.

Ex: I work on my own / I work in a team of 6 people / 3 people work for me

☐ The tasks you perform and the activities that you do every day. *[Simple present]*

☐ The benefits of the job: What you enjoy about it and why it is a dream job.

- *3 - Create a presentation using the information you have gathered.
Your presentation should be 3 to 5 minutes long and should include the 5 items mentioned above.*
- *4 - Give your presentation to the class, pretending to be an adult in your dream job talking to young students. You need to inspire them, you can encourage them to work hard and follow their passion.*