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For the hero project, my fourth & fifth grade students learned about two heroes; a hero from the past and a present day hero. Students learned about **Booker T. Washington**, a former slave, who became an educator, writer, orator, African-American leader and an advisor to four US Presidents. Students also learned about **Jessica O. Matthews** who invented SOCCET (a soccer ball that generates energy and light for poor families in undeveloped regions of the world). Jessica was only 19 years old when she invented SOCCET. Poor children now have light in their homes for reading, homework and cooking at night.

Using the chromebooks, students viewed a few videos about each hero. Using Google Read & Write students highlighted and jotted down a note page about one of the heroes. Some students also used the dictionary feature or heard the passages read aloud. I read the students the book **More Than Anything Else** by Marie Bradby which is about Booker T. Washington as a young boy yearning to learn how to read. Finally, students wrote compositions about one of the heroes and what makes them a hero.

"SOCCKET" Invention



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At the age of 19, Jessica invented the SOCCKET ball, an energy generating soccer ball that provides off-grid power for the developing world. At the age of 22, she founded Uncharted Play, a renewable energy company specializing in motion-based, miniaturized power systems.

Jessica was invited by President Barack Obama to the White House to represent small companies for the signing of the America Invents Act in 2012, and currently serves as an Ambassador of Entrepreneurship for Nigeria. In 2016, she was selected to ring the NASDAQ opening ceremony bell, representing all Forbes 30 Under 30 alumni.

Jessica's research and career centers around the intersection of disruptive technology, human behavior, and the psychology of self-actualization. A dual citizen of Nigeria & the U.S., Jessica has a degree in Psychology and Economics from Harvard University, and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Her list of accolades include Fortune's Most Promising Women Entrepreneurs, Forbes 30 under 30 list, Black Enterprise's Innovator of the Year, and Scientist of the Year by