Planning a “Giving Credit where Credit is Due” Story  
Inspired by Robert Lawson’s book Ben & Me

Student Instructions: Before drafting your story, brainstorm facts about the historical event you have chosen and sensory details that you imagine those events caused.

My Historical Topic:

List 5-10 facts you know and/or researched about my historical topic:

List ideas for changes, made by your character, to take the credit for this historical event. Please remember you may not change historical events, only how they came about.

Use as many of the facts listed above in your story’s rough draft, and use them in a sequential and organized way. Be sure to work on using convincing voice as you write your story.