

Read the story.

Write the answer to each question.

An Indoor Sport

James Naismith invented the game of basketball. He was a Physical Education teacher from Canada who went to Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1890 to teach at a college there. James Naismith wanted his students to have an indoor sport to play during the winter. By 1891, he had invented basketball. In his early game, players bounced a soccer ball and tried to throw it into a peach basket. Unlike the baskets used today, the peach basket was not open at the bottom. Basketball was first played in the Olympics in 1936. James Naismith was thrilled to be there to watch the game he invented.

1. Where did James Naismith teach?

2. When did James Naismith invent basketball?

3. Why did Naismith invent a game?
