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## The Transition from NACA to NASA

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## Hidden Figures

- The artifact that I have created to be a resource for teachers is a PowerPoint presentation on the transition from The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), to The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
- This PowerPoint presentation connects to *Hidden Figures* by supplying students with the background information needed to successfully understand the events that happen in *Hidden Figures*. The presentation focuses on the organizations that the characters in the book *Hidden Figures* work at. In the Young Readers Edition of *Hidden Figures* there is about one sentence on the transition that happens from the privatized government agency NACA, to the public civilian agency that is NASA. This PowerPoint will give students a more detailed look at each organization, what they worked on, what they accomplished, and why the transition happened.
- Teachers can use this PowerPoint presentation in conjunction with the book *Hidden Figures*, as a resource to provide background history of NASA as well as a timetable for the main events mentioned in *Hidden Figures* such as, WWI, WWII, The start of the Space Race, the Launch of Sputnik 1 and Sputnik 2 by the USSR, Explorer 1 by the U.S., The first man in space by the USSR, and the first man in space by NASA. This presentation will provide students with a better understanding of these events as they read them in *Hidden Figures*.

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