

Final

It is suggested that a brief essay be written that recounts the wisdom of Booker T. Washington, especially his insights on race differences and race relations. Quotes may be used from his book and his speeches to illustrate. Appropriate applications should be made regarding the situation in our country today.

The following points should be included:

- a. Mr. Washington's view of the character of black people
- b. His views on what black people respond to and what they need
- c. His accounts of experiences with the white people
- d. His evaluation of what Whites look for and appreciate
- e. Mr. Washington's advice on what produces harmony and good results
- f. His attitude about violence and revolution
- g. Christian input from the book
- h. How Mr. Washington compares with present day Negro leadership
 1. rebellion vs. hard work
 2. academic study vs. sports
 3. getting along and respect vs. resentment and hatred

Pages 157-68 contain a number of letters from those men that Mr. Washington had asked for comments and criticism. They are very interesting and will add much to the present study if they are read.

My Larger Education

The Intellectuals and the Boston Mob

Pages 168-72: Booker T. Washington here tells of his life-long interest in men who had risen by their own efforts from poverty to success. He especially wanted young boys to read such books and to pattern their lives after these examples.

Criticism

Pages 173-258: Many of the criticisms included in this edition of the book are very complimentary. There is a strong undercurrent, however, of the popular attitude that Booker T. Washington was wrong not to strive for the enfranchisement of the Negro. Instead, he was intent on his people learning industrial and manual tasks, the trades and the accumulation of wealth and property. His was a biblical viewpoint. Instead of demanding equality and political power, he advocated diligence, hard work and frugality. He knew that God's law teaches that obedience is the way to dominion. Revolutionary tactics lead only to hate and failure.