

Booker T. Washington

1856–1915



Booker T. Washington was born into slavery in 1856. Seven years later, all slaves were freed. Booker decided to go to school, but he also had to work. He got a job in a salt mine, digging salt underground. He worked from 4 a.m. until 9 a.m., and then he went to school until 3 p.m. After school, he went back to work for two more hours.

In 1872 Booker went to the Hampton Institute, a school for African Americans. He graduated three years later, and became a teacher.

Booker bought an old farm in 1881. He turned the buildings into classrooms. The school was called the Tuskegee Institute, and it offered courses to African Americans. Booker believed that education should be combined with job training. To help his students get jobs and start their own businesses, he created the National Negro Business League in 1901. A year later, he wrote a book explaining his ideas. It was called *Up From Slavery*.

Booker died at his home in Tuskegee, Alabama, in 1915. The Tuskegee Institute still offers courses in arts and sciences, agriculture, business, and education.

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America

was born into slavery	1856	
	1861	the South seceded from the Union
was freed and went to school	1863	Lincoln delivered the Emancipation Proclamation
attended Hampton Institute	1872	
became a teacher	1875	
bought a farm and turned it into the Tuskegee Institute	1881	Clara Barton began the Red Cross
	1884	<i>Huckleberry Finn</i> was published
	1886	the Statue of Liberty was opened
	1889	Frederick Douglass went to Haiti
created the National Negro Business League	1901	oil was discovered in Texas
wrote <i>Up from Slavery</i>	1902	Andrew Carnegie started the Carnegie Foundation
	1910	Mark Twain died Annie Dodge Wauneka was born
died in Tuskegee, Alabama	1915	

Research:

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