



2019 NPS Tuskegee Teacher Institutes: Grades 3-6

Booker T. Washington: Six Degrees of Separation

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Booker T. Washington, born a slave, rose to prominence in a white-ruled world. His intentions were to improve the quality of lives of African Americans by providing educational opportunities. Not always taking the popular path with other African American leaders, he continued to move forward in promoting self-sufficiency. This path connected him with individuals on both ends of the economic spectrum. Follow the early timeline of Tuskegee Institute (1881-1915) and see how Washington accomplished great strides in education while connecting with leaders like Andrew Carnegie, Julius Rosenwald, and President Teddy Roosevelt. He was known for utilizing the brightest African American minds, like George Washington Carver and Robert Taylor, to share their knowledge and serve as role models with the students. It was these many "links" that allowed him to build that educational legacy that became Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. Educators in grades 3-6 will examine the influence of Booker T. Washington while receiving a plethora of resources to bring his story into classrooms statewide.