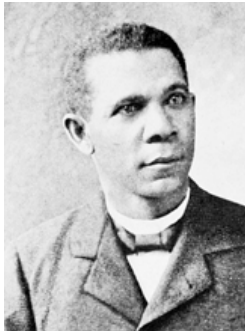


Profiles in Leadership



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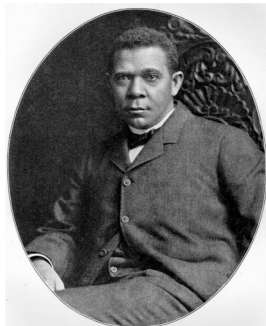
Born: 1856 Died: 1915

Booker T. Washington

Booker T. Washington was born to a slave mother and a white man in Virginia.

The Emancipation Proclamation in 1865 gave freedom to all slaves.

Booker and his family moved to West Virginia.



Booker T. Washington

Started working in a salt and coal mines at the age of nine.

Determined to get an education, he enrolled at Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute (a school for black boys and girls), working as a janitor to help pay his expenses.

Graduated in 1872.



Booker T. Washington

After graduation he returned home and taught children in a day school and adults at night.

Two years later he returned to Hampton Institute where he joined the staff.



Booker T. Washington

In 1881 Washington was selected to head a newly established school for blacks at Tuskegee, Alabama.

He was able to raise money to purchase 2000 acres on which to build the school. The Tuskegee Institute became a monument to his life's work.



Booker T. Washington

Washington believed that black people needed to get an education in the crafts and industrial skills. He urged his fellow blacks to get an education so as to attain economic security.

Booker T. Washington, more than any other black man, helped to elevate his people through education.



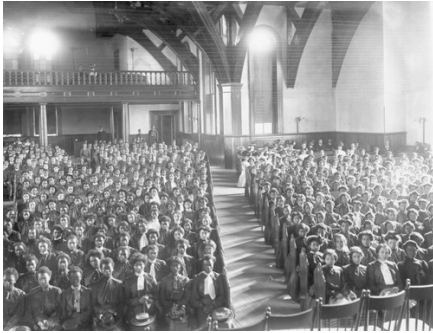
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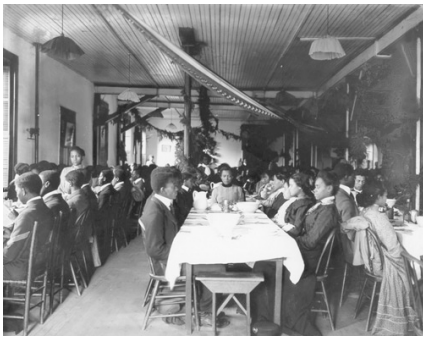
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