



Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois Lesson (11.5.2)

Background:

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries two leaders emerged in the African American community. Booker T. Washington promoted patience and the idea that through education and entrepreneurship would eventually bring equality. W.E.B. DuBois argued for more civil rights and increased political representation. He also vehemently protested the continued lynching's and Jim Crow laws.

Prompt:

Who was a stronger advocate for African Americans, Booker T. Washington or W.E.B Dubois?

Task:

In a well thought out essay:

- Write a claim in response to the prompt.
- Support your claim by using at least four pieces of evidence and background reading.
- Be sure to explain how the evidence you have chosen supports your claim
- Incorporate an additional piece of evidence that argues against your claim and use your evidence to counter that opposing claim.