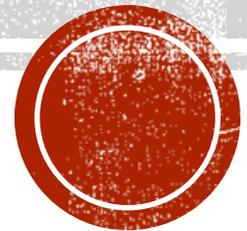


WASHINGTON V DUBOIS

Unit VI: American Progress



AGREE OR DISAGREE

In regards to African Americans freed after the Civil War...

“A little less complaint and whining, and a little more dogged work and manly striving, would do [freed black men] more credit than a thousand civil rights bills.”



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON (1856-1915)

- Born a slave
- (father was a white man, mother was slave)
- Learned to read and write
- Attended school overseen by the Freedmen's Bureau
- Principal at the Tuskegee Institute
 - School for African Americans in Tuskegee, Alabama.
- Urged newly freed slaves to “accept discrimination” and elevate black communities through vocational programs
- Black communities would earn white people’s respect

“No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem”



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON (1856-1915)

- Gave famous **Atlanta Exposition Speech** - 1895
- In all things purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress
 - Acceptance of segregation
- Cast down your buckets where you are
 - Southern blacks should stay in the south and take advantage of opportunities there



W.E.B. DUBOIS

- Countered Washington's ideas
- Claimed Washington's approach would "perpetuate white oppression"
- **The Talented Tenth**
 - An "elite" ten percent of blacks would be college-educated leaders of the future
- African Americans should *work* for social and political equality right away

"The Negro Race, like all races, is going to be saved by its exceptional men. The problem of education then, among Negroes, must first of all deal with the "Talented Tenth." It is the problem of developing the best of this race that they may guide the Mass away from the contamination and death of the worst."



W.E.B. DUBOIS (1868-1963)

- Helped to form the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)**
 - Overturns grandfather clause
 - Helps African Americans become eligible for jury duty
 - African Americans can run for office
- Wrote, *The Souls of Black Folk*, in 1903



WHO SAID IT?

- “Among a large class, there seemed to be a dependence upon the government for every conceivable thing. The members of this class had little ambition to create a position for themselves, but wanted the federal officials to create one for them. How many times I wished then and have often wished since, that by some power of magic, I might remove the great bulk of these people into the country districts and plant them upon the soil – upon the solid and never deceptive foundation of Mother Nature, where all nations and races that have ever succeeded have gotten their start – a start that at first may be slow and toilsome, but one that nevertheless is real.”



WHO SAID IT?

"There was one thing that the white South feared more than negro dishonesty, ignorance, and incompetency, and that was negro honesty, knowledge, and efficiency."



MARCUS GARVEY

- Organized the **Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA)**
 - Originated in Jamaica
 - Urges a “Back to Africa” movement
- **Pan-Africanist**
 - All Africans everywhere must unite
- Helped found Rastafarian movement

