



Rosenwald Schools Lesson Plan

Overview:

This lesson covers historical information about Booker T. Washington and the Rosenwald schools that were developed between 1912 and 1932. While Washington had the vision, Rosenwald provided financial resources, along with matching community contributions, to build thousands of schools for Black children in the rural south. This is an appropriate lesson for Black History Month, studies on civil rights, visionary design, social movements in education, civic ideals and practices, and social-emotional development.

Lesson Prompt:

Share the prepared PowerPoint presentation on Booker T. Washington & the Rosenwald schools.

Select from the attached Critical Thinking and Discussion Questions, Activities and Assignments, and Multiple-Choice Questions, in order to measure student comprehension.

The lesson includes an excerpt from *Up From Slavery*, with accompanying questions.

Vocabulary:

Disparities, Collaborative, Segregation, Desegregation, Integration, “Jim Crow”, Stakeholder, Philanthropist, Pragmatic, Antebellum, Demise, Icons, Progressive, Seclusion

Recommended Resources:

“Photo History: The Incredible True Story of How Booker T. Washington & the President of Sears Built 5,000 Schools for Generations of Southern Black Students”

<https://www.the74million.org/article/photo-history-the-incredible-true-story-of-how-booker-t-washington-the-president-of-sears-built-5000-schools-for-generations-of-southern-black-students/>