

Fairs and Expositions

This activity accompanies chapter 13 from *Up From Slavery* by Booker T. Washington, record number 4890.

Activity Title: Fairs and Expositions

Description: The students will compare and contrast two types of fairs or expositions that were popular during the Reconstruction time period.

Subject: Social Studies

Skill: Economics

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will examine the necessity of fairs and expositions for economic growth throughout the United States in the late nineteenth century.

Materials:

- *Up From Slavery*, chapter 13, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Pencil and paper
- History books or internet access.
- Expositions in Atlanta, GA website: <http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Article.jsp?id=h-2913>
- Venn diagram template (below)

Procedures:

Read the thirteenth chapter of the book with the students, or have them read it on their own. In the thirteenth chapter of the book, Washington goes to Atlanta, Georgia, to speak at the opening of the Atlanta Cotton States and International Exposition. During the late nineteenth century many major cities held expositions, such as the one in Atlanta, to showcase new technologies, inventions, or ideas. Have the students research the Cotton Expositions in Atlanta (website above) and one other such fair in the United States. Have them compare and contrast the fairs and their necessity for further economic development in the United States.



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Fairs and Expositions Venn diagram

