

The Civil War

This activity accompanies chapter 1 from *Up From Slavery* by Booker T. Washington, record number 4878.

Activity Title: The Civil War

Description: After learning about the Civil War and Reconstruction and reading the first chapter of *Up From Slavery*, the students will write a reaction paper in the point of view of a newly freed slave.

Subject: Social Studies

Skill: Prediction and Civil War analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will understand the causes and consequences of the Civil War and Reconstruction and its effects on the American people.

Materials:

- *Up From Slavery*, chapter 1, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils
- History book or informational books about the Civil War

Procedures:

This lesson is best presented after or during a lesson on the Civil War. Read the first chapter of *Up from Slavery* or have the students read it on their own. This chapter explains Washington's experiences with slavery and ends with the fear and anxiety of the newly freed slaves. Have the students write a reaction paper, in the point of view of a newly freed slave. Have them include their initial reactions to the thoughts of freedom and then the fears or anxiety of what comes next.

For more information about the life of Booker T. Washington, visit the Booker T. Washington Resource Page at the United States Library of Congress at <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/btwashington/>.

