

Map a Journey

This activity accompanies chapter 2 from *Up From Slavery* by Booker T. Washington, record number 4879.

Activity Title: Draw a Route.

Description: The students will copy a portion of a map and highlight a route that Washington may have taken, supplying step by step directions on the back of the map.

Subject: Social Studies

Skill: Geography

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will illustrate and map the journey taken by Booker T. Washington and his family from Franklin County, Virginia to Kanawha Valley, West Virginia.

Materials:

- *Up From Slavery*, chapter 2, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Map of Virginia and West Virginia or internet access to an electronic map
- Paper, pencil, colored pencils

Procedures:

Google Maps is commonly used to find driving directions, but walking directions are also available. Google Maps indicates that the journey from Franklin County, Virginia to Kanawha Valley, West Virginia is approximately 164 miles and it would take 2 days and 8 hours to walk, without stopping.

After reading chapter 2 of *Up from Slavery*, have your students use a map, or electronic map to illustrate the journey taken by Washington and his family (including the distance). Have the students use blank paper and colored pencils or a drawing program on the computer to illustrate possible routes the family may have taken. You may wish to have the students write out 'turn by turn' directions on the back of the map.

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/>.

