

Comparing Experiences

This activity accompanies chapter 4 from *Up From Slavery* by Booker T. Washington, record number 4881.

Activity Title: Comparing Experiences

Description: The students will research the experiences of people during Reconstruction and compare them with Booker T. Washington's experience during the same time period.

Subject: Social Studies

Skill: Civil War Reconstruction

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will describe the efforts of the American people during the Reconstruction after the Civil War.

Materials:

- *Up From Slavery*, chapter 4, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Pencil and paper
- History books and/or internet access

Procedures:

Read the fourth chapter of the book with the students, or have them read it on their own. The fourth chapter of *Up from Slavery* describes in more detail the personal experience that Washington, his family, and his town had during Reconstruction after the Civil War. Have your students research in their history books or online the similarities and differences between Washington's experience during Reconstruction and the majority of other prior slaves, or white people during this time period. There is a Venn diagram template below for the students to use.

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/>.



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Reconstruction Venn diagram

