

Writing to a Prompt

This activity accompanies chapter 17 from *Up From Slavery* by Booker T. Washington, record number 4894.

Activity Title: Writing to a Prompt

Description: The students will write to a prompt about a surprise event in their lives.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing Process

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will create a thoughtful and logical response to a writing prompt.

Materials:

- *Up From Slavery*, chapter 17, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Pencil and paper

Procedures:

Read the seventeenth chapter of the book with the students, or have them read it on their own. In the seventeenth chapter of the book, Washington talks about his honorary degree from Harvard University, and the surprise he experienced when he received the letter. Have your students write to the following prompt, organizing their writing and producing a thoughtful and logical response:

PROMPT: Imagine you have just received the surprise of your lifetime. Write a narrative story explaining where you are, what the surprise is and why it is the greatest surprise of your life. The surprise can be real or imaginary, but write your story as if it were real.

