

Debating Booker T. Washington's Efforts

This activity accompanies chapter 3 from *The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B. Du Bois, record number 4900.

Activity Title: Debating Booker T. Washington's Efforts

Description: The students will evaluate Du Bois' views on Washington's efforts, and side for or against Du Bois' views.

Subject: Social Studies

Skill: Civil War - Reconstruction

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will evaluate Du Bois' criticisms of Booker T. Washington.

Materials:

- *The Souls of Black Folk*, chapter 3, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils
- History books or internet access

Procedures:

Read the third chapter of *The Souls of Black Folk* or have the students read it on their own. In this chapter Du Bois talks about Booker T. Washington's affect on the American population. He poses many criticisms of Washington's efforts in the South. Have the students work individually or in pairs to evaluate Du Bois' views of Washington, either for or against what he argues in this chapter.

Activity Extension:

Have the students, or pairs, share their evaluation with the class in a group discussion format.

