

Statements about Emancipation

This activity accompanies chapter 9 from *The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B. Du Bois, record number 4906.

Activity Title: Statements about Emancipation

Description: The students will argue for or against Du Bois' statements about Emancipation.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a persuasive paper arguing for or against the topic.

Materials:

- *The Souls of Black Folk*, chapter 9, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils
- History books or internet access

Procedures:

Read the ninth chapter of *The Souls of Black Folk* or have the students read it on their own. In this chapter Du Bois states: "we must note two things: (1) that the inevitable result of Emancipation was to increase crime and criminals, and (2) that the police system of the South was primarily designed to control slaves." Have the students write a paper arguing for or against Du Bois' statement about Emancipation. When the students have finished working, have them meet in small groups to discuss their papers.

