

Young Booker T. Washington



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1856-1915

A DOZEN FACTS

1. Booker T. Washington was born a slave April 5, 1856.
2. One of his first jobs was to walk his master's daughter to school and carry her books.
3. Because Booker T. Washington was a slave he was not allowed to learn to read or write, however, he would wait outside the school house and wish to be a student.
4. After the Civil War was over he and his family became free, moved to West Virginia and worked hard to make money.
5. When he was nine-years-old Booker T. Washington worked hard in a salt mine and then a coal mine.
6. Booker T. Washington wanted to get an education.
7. When he was twelve-years-old he learned about a school for African-Americans boys called Hampton Institute that was 500 hundred miles away.
8. Friends and family gave him what little money they could spare and sent him on his way.
9. When Booker T. Washington ran out of money in Richmond, Virginia he found a job unloading cargo from ships and made enough money to continue the journey.
10. Upon his arrival in Hampton, Virginia he had fifty cents left.
11. Booker T. Washington impressed the school's leaders and they allowed him to attend classes as he worked as a janitor at the school.
12. Booker T. Washington is best known as the founder of the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.