

Booker T. Washington – Second Grade

Inspiring Quotes

Objective: To introduce second grade students to the life and values of Booker T. Washington. To explore his inspirational quotes and encourage discussion about the relationship between hard work, education and success.

Materials:

- Quotes from Booker T. Washington (printed on colorful cards).
- Markers, crayons, scissors, glue, tissue paper, beads (any other available art materials).
- Blank sheets of paper.
- Small prizes or stickers (optional).

Introduction:

- Begin by briefly discussing Booker T. Washington and why he is important.
- Show students images from today's lesson and ask them to recall what they learned about Booker T. Washington from the video.

Discussion:

- Engage students in a think-pair-share. Write the following questions on the board. Ask students to think about each question, discuss each with a neighbor and then discuss as a whole class.
 - What did Booker T. Washington believe in?
 - Why is education important?
 - Have you ever had to work hard to learn something new?

Inspiring Quotes Activity:

- Introduce a few quotes from Booker T. Washington, such as:
 - *Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work.*
 - *If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.*

- *Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome.*
- *Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way.*
- *Character is power.*
- *If you can't read, it's going to be hard to realize dreams.*

Class Discussion:

- Discuss the meaning of each quote with the class. Encourage students to share their interpretations and relate the quotes to their own lives.
- Ask students if they have faced any obstacles in their learning journey and how they overcame them.

Artistic Expression:

- Provide each student with a blank sheet of paper, markers, crayons, beads, glue, scissors, tissue paper and any other available art supplies.
- Ask students to choose one of Booker T. Washington's quotes and create an artistic representation of it.
- Have students write their quote on their paper.
- Allow students to share their artwork with the class and explain why they chose their quote.

Conclusion:

- Summarize the lesson by reinforcing the values of hard work, perseverance, and the importance of education as emphasized by Booker T. Washington.
- Create a "Wall of Inspiration" using each student's art. Encourage students to look at and remember Booker T. Washington's message throughout the week.
- Encourage students to remember these values and apply them in their own lives.