

Up From Slavery

Booker T. Washington

Why does Washington argue that restricting Black advancement harms the people doing the restricting?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Security depends on everyone's development
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Atlanta Exposition Address
START	There is no defence or security for any of us except in the highest intelligence and development of all.
END	we shall contribute one-third to the business and industrial prosperity of the South, or we shall prove a veritable body of death
PASSAGE ID	sec-ufs-04

THE MOVE

Turn self-interest into an argument for another group's advancement

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Washington frames Black advancement as not only a matter of justice but also a matter of shared economic and civic security. By tying another group's development to the audience's self-interest, he makes exclusion look costly even to those who benefit from power.

MARK

Underline every place Washington links Black education or prosperity to the prosperity of the South as a whole. Circle the consequences he predicts if development is blocked. Star the sentence where self-interest and justice most clearly overlap.

NOTICE

- What does Washington say the dominant group gains when Black citizens advance?
- What risks does he say everyone shares when development is restricted?
- Why might an argument from mutual benefit persuade an audience that ignores an argument from justice alone?

THINK

Answer provisionally: Why does Washington argue that restricting Black advancement harms the people doing the restricting? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Why does Washington argue that restricting Black advancement harms the people doing the restricting? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Washington argues that exclusion is self-defeating because the South's prosperity and security depend on the development of all its people. He converts racial advancement into a shared-interest argument.
EVIDENCE	Use language linking Black education/prosperity to regional economic or civic outcomes and the consequences he predicts if development is blocked.
WATCH FOR	Do not replace Washington's argument with a modern justice claim the passage itself does not make. Explain the self-interest logic he actually uses.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. **MARK** - Underline every place Washington links Black education or prosperity to the prosperity of the South as a whole. Circle the consequences he predicts if development is blocked. Star the sentence where self-interest and justice most clearly overlap.
2. **NOTICE** - What does Washington say the dominant group gains when Black citizens advance? What risks does he say everyone shares when development is restricted? Why might an argument from mutual benefit persuade an audience that ignores an argument from justice alone?
3. **THINK** - Answer provisionally: Why does Washington argue that restricting Black advancement harms the people doing the restricting?
4. **WRITE** - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.