

Booker T. Washington Versus W.E.B. DuBois

W.E.B. DuBois	Booker T. Washington
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founder of NAACP • PHD from Harvard • Demands rights and equality now • Believes that African American youth should have the right to attend higher education (like he did) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believed in <i>*accommodation</i>, patience and vocational skills first • African Americans should accept segregation while focusing on economic independence and vocational training • Point of view in "School Begins" cartoon • Born a slave • Work hard and wait for rights • Head of Tuskegee Institute

Main Belief

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Key Philosophy & Education Focus

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Key Philosophy	<i>Accommodation</i> – accept segregation & the fact that whites will make it hard for you to vote;	<i>Activism</i> – fight directly against racism and inequality.
Education Focus	Industrial/vocational training (Tuskegee Institute).	University education to create future leaders

Long Term Goals and Organization

	<u>Booker T. Washington</u>	<u>W.E.B. DuBois</u>
Long-term Goal	Economic progress → gradual acceptance & eventual rights.	Political, social, and economic equality right away.
Organization	Tuskegee Institute	Co-founder of NAACP (1909).

Relationship With White People

	<u>Booker T. Washington</u>	<u>W.E.B. DuBois</u>
Relationship with Whites	Cooperative with white leaders and politicians to gain gradual economic support.	Critical of white racism; pushed for organized resistance. Ex. Joining NAACP, marching in protests, or challenge unfair laws in court, = organized resistance.

In summary:

- ★ *Washington* = Gradual change, patience, vocational skills (hands-on job skill) first (*accommodation*)
- ★ *Du Bois* = Immediate equality, higher education, leadership and fight for equal rights for African Americans. (*activism*)