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DOCUMENT 1: BOOKER T. WASHINGTON (MODIFIED)

Booker T. Washington was born a slave in 1856 and was nine years old when slavery ended. He became the principal of the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, a school designed to teach blacks industrial skills. Washington was a skillful politician and speaker, and he won the support of whites in the North and South who donated money to the school. On September 18, 1895, Booker T. Washington spoke before a mostly white audience in Atlanta.

Ignorant and inexperienced, it is not strange that in the first years of our freedom we began at the top instead of at the bottom; that a seat in Congress or the state legislature was more attractive than starting a dairy farm or garden.

To those of my race I would say: "Cast down your bucket where you are" - cast it down in making friends with the Southern white man, who is your next-door neighbor. Cast it down in agriculture, mechanics, in commerce, in domestic service. ...No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem. It is at the bottom of life we must begin, and not at the top.

To those of the white race who look to foreign immigrants for the prosperity of the South, I would repeat what I say to my own race, "Cast down your bucket where you are." Cast it down among the eight millions of Negroes, whose fidelity (loyalty) and love you have tested. ...As we have proved our loyalty to you in the past...so in the future, in our humble way, we shall stand by you with a devotion that no foreigner can approach. ...In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress.

Source: Excerpt from Booker T. Washington's 'Atlanta Compromise' speech, 1895.

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER: DOCUMENT 1 - BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

<p>Historical Reading Skill</p>	<p>After reading the bold printed introduction, complete the section on sourcing. Then carefully read the entire document and complete the rest of the graphic organizer.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sourcing consider who wrote a document as well as the circumstances of its creation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Before reading the Document)</p>	<p>Booker T. Washington probably believes...</p> <p>I think the audience is...</p> <p>Based on the sourcing information, I predict Booker T. Washington will...</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Contextualization locate this document in time and place and to understand how these factors shape its content</p>	<p>I already know that at the time...</p> <p>From this document, I would guess that white people in the South at this time were feeling...</p> <p>Given what was happening at the time, this was a good/bad speech because...</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Close Reading evaluate sources and analyze rhetoric</p>	<p>I think Washington chose these words because they probably made white people feel...</p> <p>Washington is trying to convince the audience that...</p> <p>The most powerful line in this speech is... (explain)</p>

