

# **Booker T. Washington Biography**

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**Booker T. Washington was born sometime around 1865 in Virginia. Booker T.'s early life was like being a slave to white people, and Booker T.'s family were treated horribly by white people. The job Booker T. had while being a slave was to mill the loads of corn and ground it into a meal. The only family members Booker T. had were his mom Jane and his step dad Washington Ferguson.**

**Booker T. Washington's adult life was being a hard working man because he went to college and he got married 3 times in his adult life. Booker T. Washington's job as a young adult was to shovel the salt into the barrels at the salt furnace. In 1872 Booker T. Washington applied to a college in Hamilton, and the school was called Hampton University. Booker T. Washington got married 3 times in his whole life as an adult. The women and children he had were Fannie Smith. The child we had was a little girl named Portia, but on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1884 Fannie Smith died. My second wife was Olivia. The children we had were Booker Jr, and Ernest Davidson, but on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1889 she died. The last wife he had was a women named Margaret Murray.**

**Booker T. Washington was known for his famous speech to be the African American leader and to take the place of Frederick Douglass to make sure all of the African American have the right to vote. Some African Americans agreed with Booker T. Washington on his speech, but others disagreed with his speech. Booker T. changed the world by letting all African**

**American's have the right to vote. Booker T. was also a scientist and researcher, but he was mostly known for his speech. During his speech he said the "the race could be as separate as the fingers on the hand in all social things".**

**The end of Booker T. Washington's life was accomplished, because Booker T. Washington accomplished what he announced in his speech which is having the right for all African Americans to vote. I have learned that Booker T. finished what Frederick Douglass started which is the right for all African Americans to vote. Booker T. Washington helped all African Americans be able to vote.**

## **Pictures of Booker T. Washington**



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## **Booker T. Washington Questions**

- 1. What did you learn?**
- 2. When was Booker T. Washington Born?**