



RUSSELL GROVE ASSOCIATION

2026 BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Students from Amelia County Elementary (grades 4-5), Middle School, and High School, as well as students nominated by RGA members, are eligible to participate.

Please attach the completed form and submit it with your Essay

DUE: February 13, 2026

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Essay Title: Booker T. Washington

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If selected as a winner, I consent to my child's submission being posted on the RGA website and announced to the Amelia Bulletin Monitor.

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Booker T Washington

By wynter koiner

Mr Washington was born on April 5th, 1856 in Hale`s Ford West lake Corner VA . He was born into slavery facing hardships and even not enough food. After years of going threwh that he was freed at 9 years old and after he moved with his family .As a teen he worked as a janitor .He attended Hampton normal and Agricultural Institute now Hampton university.

As an adult he had three kids. With the names of Portia, Earnest,and Booker jr. He founded the Tuskegee institute in Alabama. Which is a black college founded in 1881 .He went to court to try to fight for the black but it failed but he didnt give up!This is why I chose him after all the things he went through. He never stopped trying .From him we should learn to change the world and help people.

Booker wrote so many amazing books.People called him "Father of his race".At 59 years old on November 14,1915 he passed away .He had kidney failure ,and more sicknesses that led to him passing away .That must have been really hard for people because he really made a difference . However ,he will always be remembered by his family,friends,and many ,many more. Mr Washington should be remembered as a sign to keep going,and to stand up for who you are no matter what anyone says about it. He reminds us to be the one to make the difference .

If i never did this essay i would have never known all of this about Mr.Washington . This essay changed the way i think about him which is crazy .He went threw a lot during his life but he kept going and inspired many children in many ways also including me .Im me now and learning about him, and when i grow up i can tell my kids the same story and hopefully inspire them to be just like Booker T Washington .

And thats the end of my essay about Booker T Washington ! Love,Wynter Koiner!

