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Booker T. Washington

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My social studies report is about a man named Booker T. Washington. Booker T. Washington was born on April 5 1856 on Burroughs farm at Hales Ford, Virginia. His parents were a white man and a black woman. His mom was a slave so he became a slave to. The T. in his name stood for "Taliaferro" which was the name of his slave owner.

In 1865 he and his family obtained freedom. Him, his mom, his brother John and his sister Amanda moved to Malden in Kanawha county in West Virginia. There they lived with their stepfather whose last name was Washington. At the age of 16 Booker T. left Malden and joined a job about agriculture in Hampton, Virginia. He worked and paid his way through high school. After he finished he then attended the Wayland Seminary in Washington D.C from 1878 to 1879. He later returned to Hampton and as a teacher. Even though all this hard work Booker T. Washington was not known for this. He will be known later on for his great

sprit to help others. Later on Booker T. was recommended on his job of becoming a principal of a school in Alabama. The job before was by all white men. So when Booker T. got the job he was the first black man to ever become principal in educational institution history. When Booker T. was principal he purchased a plantation land that made the campus expanded. The campus later became known as Tuskegee University. Booker T. made the campus for whites and blacks students. The campus is where Booker T. made all his speeches about slavery. He also believed that African Americans community needed to create a situation for themselves in the world by becoming educated and by acquiring the skill that is needed if you want to be something in this world. His friends and other principals of others school respected what he was doing and gave many donates for the educational programs and to school Booker T. was building all over the country. In 1901 he published a book about being a slave. That same year President Theodore Roosevelt invited him to the white house. November 14, 1915 Booker T. died at the age of 52. He will be known through his hard work and dedication.