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PREFACE

Going by the old adage by renowned thinker Francis Bacon, “Reading maketh a full man....,” and to inculcate good reading habits among the children, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced novels for classes IX to XII from the 2012-13 academic session.

In a recent circular issued by the Board, emphasis has been laid on reading novels as this could help children in acquiring important skills of imagination, expression and appreciation of literature. It further states that though all the skills of gaining proficiency in a language are equally important, nevertheless, reading habit helps tremendously in improving comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and in increasing vocabulary.

For class XI, the recommended books are **Up From Slavery** by Booker Taliaferro Washington or **The Canterville Ghost** by Oscar Wilde

This book on **Up From Slavery** has been designed with utmost care considering the student’s need to comprehend the text better. It contains the Original Text from the Novel as well as a Question Bank at the end of every chapter. About the Author, About the Novel and Chapter review for every Chapter is given to facilitate better understanding of the novel. At the end of every chapter, Summative & formative Assessment questions are incorporated which will assist the student in systematic revision of the chapter.

A few Highlights of this book are:

- ▶▶ Original & Unabridged Text along with Chapter Summary for every chapter
- ▶▶ Chapterwise Questions based on understanding.
- ▶▶ Questions based on Character, Plot, Theme, Incidents and Episodes are given in the end.
- ▶▶ The language used in the book is simple and accurate in order to enhance comprehension of the novel
- ▶▶ The book will enable the amalgamation of reading & writing skills of the students

We sincerely hope this book will assist every student in better comprehension of the prescribed novel thereby facilitating examination oriented learning.

We are always open to suggestions for improvement from teachers and students alike!

Wishing you luck for the forthcoming Academic Year.

Publisher

UP FROM SLAVERY

BOOKER TALIAFERRO WASHINGTON

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

*B*ooker Taliaferro Washington (April 5, 1856–November 14, 1915) was an African-American educator, orator, author and a dominant figure in the African-American community in the United States from 1890 to 1915. He was also an advisor to the Republican presidents. Born to slavery and freed by the civil war in 1865, he became head of the new Tuskegee Institute, then a teachers' college for blacks. It became his base of operations. He spoke on behalf of the large majority of blacks who lived in the South. While his opponents called his powerful network of supporters the "Tuskegee Machine", Washington maintained power because of his ability to gain support of numerous groups : influential whites, the black business class, educational and religious communities nationwide. He was also able to get financial donations from philanthropists. His 'Atlanta Exposition' speech of 1895 appealed to the middle class whites across the South, asking them to give the blacks a chance to work and develop separately, while implicitly promising not to demand the vote. He was the organizer and central figure of a network linking like-minded black leaders throughout the nation.

In addition to his contributions in education, Washington wrote 14 books; his autobiography, *Up From Slavery* was first published in 1901. During a difficult period of transition, he worked hard to improve the working relationship between the two races. His work helped blacks to achieve a higher education, financial power and understanding of the U. S. legal system. This resulted in the blacks attaining the skills to create and support the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, leading to the passage of important federal civil rights laws.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Up From Slavery is the autobiography of Booker T. Washington first published in 1901. The book is a detailed account of Washington's rise from the position of a slave child during the Civil war, to the difficulties and obstacles he overcame to get an education at the new Hampton University, to his work establishing vocational schools—most notably the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama—to help black people and other disadvantaged minorities learn useful, marketable skills and work to pull themselves, as a race, up by the bootstraps. He reflects on the generosity of both teachers and philanthropists who helped in educating blacks and native Americans. He describes his efforts to instill manners, breeding, health and a feeling of dignity to students. His educational philosophy stresses combining academic subjects with learning a trade. He explains that the integration of practical subjects is partly designed to reassure the white community as to the usefulness of educating black people.

This text, while certainly a biography of his life, is in fact an illustration of the problem facing African Americans by detailing the problems of one. By showing how he has risen from servitude to success, he demonstrates how others of his race can do the same, as well as how sympathizers can aid in the process.

WRITING STYLE

THE book is written in first person and is limited to Washington's point of view. There are few direct quotes and a limited number of quotes from other sources. The majority of the book is an exposition. This point of view is necessary for the understanding of this novel because it is the story of the author's rise from slavery as well as his attempts to bring out his people from the depths of slavery. There is some information about Washington's family life, especially in his younger years. However, there is a definite lack on this topic in his later life. For example we know that he was married to Fannie Smith in 1882 and they had one child, Portia M. Washington, before Fannie's death.

OVERVIEW OF THE THEME OF THE NOVEL

1. Education
2. Dignity of hard work
3. What it means to be your own person
4. Industriousness
5. Humility
6. Unity
7. Reform
8. Uplift
9. The people's capacity for change
10. Thrift
11. Poverty among the black population

PLOT SUMMARY

Up From Slavery chronicles fifty years of Washington's life : from slave to schoolmaster to the face of Southern race relations. In this text Washington climbs the social ladder through hard work, manual labour, a decent education and relationships with great people.

Throughout the text he stresses the importance of education to the black population as a reasonable tactic to ease race relations in the South. The book is in essence Washington's traditional, non-confrontational message supported by the example of his life.

IMPORTANT QUOTES

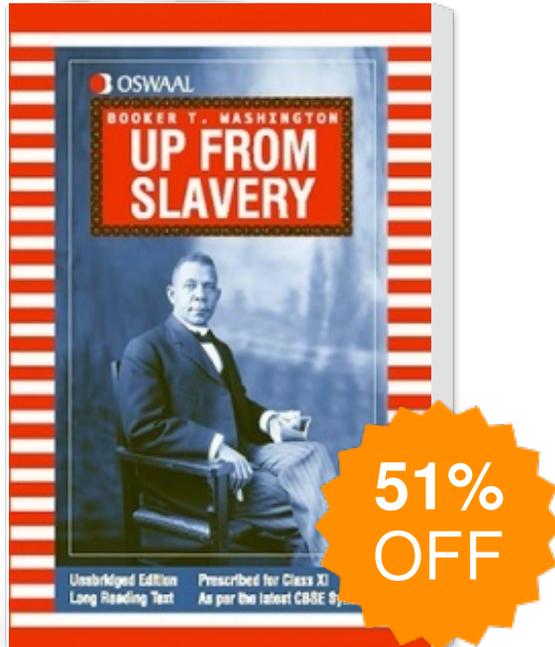
1. "I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

2. "Those who are happiest are those who do most for others. The most miserable are those who do the least."

3. "I have begun everything with the idea that I could succeed, and I never had much patience with the multitudes of people who are always ready to explain why one cannot succeed."

4. "I early learned that it is a hard matter to convert an individual by abusing him and that this is more often accomplished by giving credit for all the praiseworthy actions performed than by calling attention alone to the evil done."

Up From Slavery Summary In English And Hindi For Class 11



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