

# OUR GIANTS SPEAK

W.E.B. DU BOIS AND  
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON  
REVISITED

In the next two parts, we move ahead to W.E.B. Du Bois' days at Fisk, his trip to Europe and study in Germany. This experience in Europe and its contrast with his return to America is written poignantly by W.E.B. Du Bois.

During the next several months, we shall be featuring six crucial circumstances in the life of Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois and the same for Dr. Booker T. Washington. Scholars too are seeking to look empathetically to see the essential similarities at least in the spirit with which black Americans must meet common problems.

We ask that you adapt, in your own mind, the Key Questions, so that the common human conditions faced by these two black pioneers emerge or come to the surface.

### Part I of Two Parts

The Age of Miracles began with Fisk and ended with Germany. I seemed to ride in

conquering might. I was captain of my soul and master of Fate. I willed to do! It was. I wished and the wish came true. I suspect that beneath this triumph there were many failures and disappointments, but the realities looked so large that they swept away even the memory of other dreams and wishes. Consider for a moment how miraculous it all was to a boy of seventeen, just escaped from a narrow valley: I willed, and lo! my people came dancing about me—riotous in color, gay in laughter, full of sympathy, need, and pleading; unbelievably beautiful girls—"colored" girls—sat beside me and actually talked to me while I gazed in tongue-tied silence or babbled in boastful dreams. Boys with my own experiences wrought out with me great remedies. I studied eagerly under thoughtful teachers, and new worlds opened before me.

I willed, and lo! I was walking beneath the elms of Harvard—the name of allure-

ment, the college of my youngest, wildest visions; I needed money; scholarships and prizes fell into my lap; commencement came, and standing before Governor, President, and grave, gowned men, I told them certain astonishing truths, waving my arms and breathing fast. They applauded rapturously, and I walked home on great pink clouds of glory. I asked for a fellowship—and got it. I announced my plan of studying in Germany, and when the Slater Board excused itself, I went at them hammer and tongs. Ex-President Hayes, their chairman, smiled as he surrendered.

### Key Questions:

1. What peculiar problems does this episode reveal? Are they still present today?

2. How well were today's circumstances handled? Were there any "hidden agendas"?

3. What important lessons may be learned from today's episode? How would you have possibly handled them differently?

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