**Questions For Booker T. Washington & the Politics of Accommodation by Louis Harlan**

1. What was Booker T. Washington’s early history? How did this influence and shape his ideas about leading the black community in America?
2. What made Tuskegee different from other black colleges? How was it an extension of Booker T. Washington’s vision to help black Americans live comfortably as a minority group?
3. Why is ‘racial accommodation’ (BTW’s philosophy) seen in a negative light today? Why do you think many blacks agreed with it in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century?
4. How does Harlan justify Washington’s pragmatism? What is Harlan’s critique of this philosophy?
5. From what you have learned in this unit about the labor movement and politics, why was Booker T Washington anti-union?
6. Consider the final paragraph. How did Frederick Douglass influence the white 9/10th of the American people in antebellum America? To what extent did Booker T. Washington follow in his footsteps?