**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?

**Questions for Understanding**

What does Du Bois mean when he says ‘the nation was a little ashamed of having bestowed so much sentiment on Negroes, and was concentrating its energies on Dollars’? (para 1)

How did the South and the North each interpret Booker T. Washington’s ‘Atlanta Compromise speech of 1895?

According to Du Bois, why is Washington ‘a leader of not one race, but of two’?

In paragraphs #10-13 Du Bois makes multiple historical references, select and explain three of them from 1750 -1865.

What are three criticism of Washington’s message?

Does Du Bois effectively argue his position against Washington? Provide three pieces of evidence from 1865 -1900.

What are the two classes of Washington’s critics?

According to Du Bois, what is the responsibility of the ‘thinking classes of American Negroes’?

Why does the South need ‘discriminating and broad minded criticism’?

**Answer these questions after reading the article: Marcus Garvey and the Rise of Black Nationalism**

Explain Garvey’s vision of Black Nationalism. What were his methods and ideas about improving the lives of those of African descent?

How was Marcus Garvey’s Black Nationalism similar and different from Du Bois and Washington’s ideologies concerning racial equality?