

Making Connections

The boy in this story, Booker T. Washington, lived long ago. He became well known as an adult. Booker T. Washington was born in 1856 in Hales Ford, West Virginia to a slave family. When slaves were freed in 1865, he moved with his family to Malden, West Virginia where he worked in the salt mines.

From 1872 until 1879 he attended Hampton Institute where he later taught. He is known as the founder of Tuskegee Institute, a vocational school for African American students. The school is probably best known for the work of Dr. George Washington Carver, who advanced agriculture and the American way of life in countless ways.

Aren't you glad that Booker wanted to learn to read... more than anything else?



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