

The Ingredients for writing an “Acrostic Poem”

Acrostic Poems

Acrostic poems are simple poems in which the first letter of each line forms a word or phrase (vertically). An acrostic poem can describe the subject or even tell a brief story about it.

This type of poem is one of the simplest written forms for students to write because it gives the students (you) a concrete format to use.

You can write an acrostic poem based on your name, a favorite hobby, or something or someone who is important to you!

S	hining sun
P	retty hot
R	un outside!
I	ce cream melts
N	ot inside
G	o outside
By Danny	

Booker Taliaferro Washington

Born as a slave April 05, 1856 in West Virginia in and died November 14, 1915

Ostracized and criticized by other blacks, educators, and newspapers, but

Organized the NAACP in 1905

Kept company with the likes of presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William Taft, but

Enigma seems to be his nickname

Resources fullness was his game

Taught at and founded at Tuskegee Normal Institute in 1881

Attempted to promote economic self-reliance among African Americans

Life seemed not to have promise for the Franklin County, Virginia born native, but

Ironically, he would "pull himself up from his bootstraps."

Fought for social change and labored secretly against Jim Crow laws and racial violence

Education, although seemingly out of reach, was a must

Ruffner, Lewis became Booker's employee and hired him as a houseboy while his wife

Ruffner, Viola, being very strict with her servants, but saw something in him

Over the two years he worked for her, she allowed him to go to school for an hour a day

Work carrying 100-pound sacks of grain was hard work for small boy

And he was beaten on occasion for not performing his duties satisfactory

Sure, he was a child, but he was still seen as an abled body who could perform a task

He saw children his age sitting in desks and reading books

It was illegal to teach slaves to read and write, and he was

No exception to the rule

Going to school was not an issue to discuss at that day and time, but working was

To school at Hampton Normal Agricultural Institute in Virginia, he would finally go

On the 500 miles walk from home in 1872

Now to put his ideology in place where he will preach what he practice