



# Recognition and Resistance

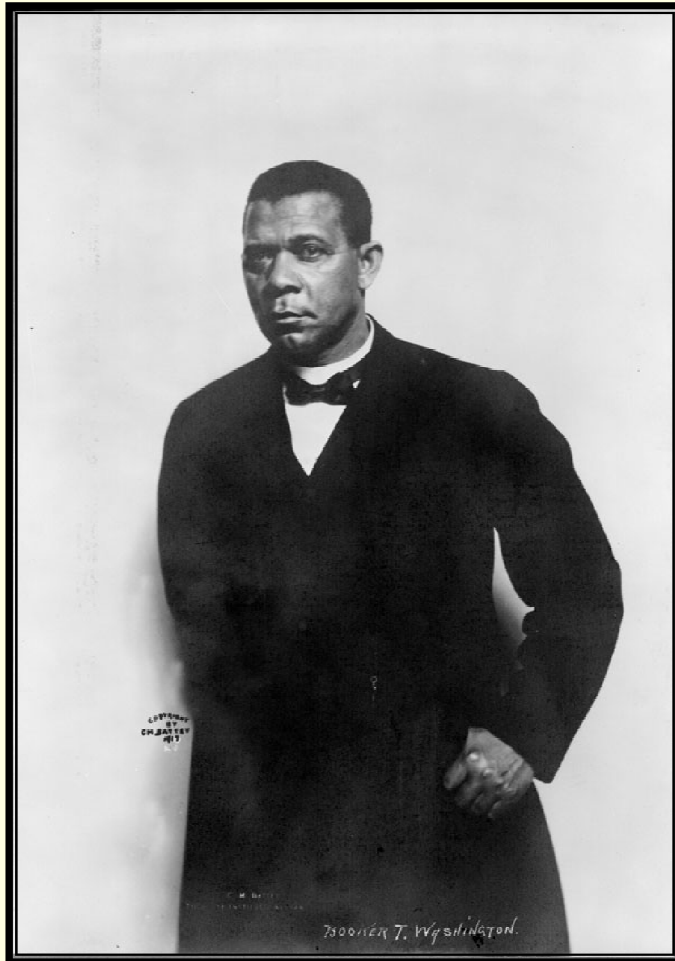
Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*

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# Booker T. Washington



*l to r:* R.C. Ogden, Senator Taft,  
Booker T. Washington, Andrew Carnegie

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# The Tuskegee Institute, Classroom, 1902

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# Tuskegee Institute, Library, 1902

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# Tuskegee Institute, Roof construction, 1902

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Tuskegee Institute brick removed from Tompkins Hall, 1910; nails used to build chapel, 1898

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# Tuskegee Institute, Making bricks, 1902

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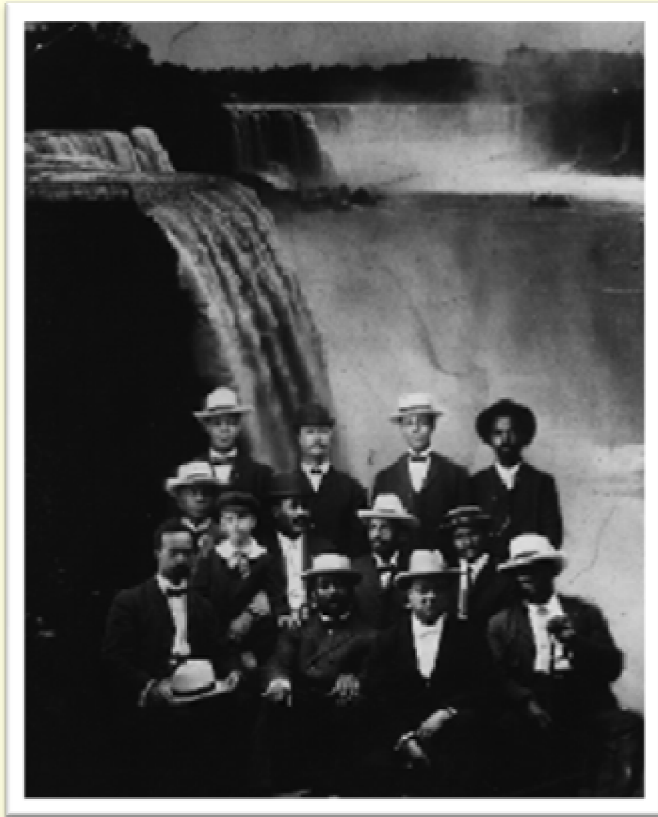
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**Niagara Falls, 1905**



**Harper's Ferry, 1906**

# NAACP demonstration against lynching

(DuBois, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right)



# Imagination and Emancipation

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- Thinking about the past
  - obstacle; resource
- Africanism and Europeanism
- Future options
  - separatism
  - integrationism
  - Struggle
- The power of community

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# The Battle Royal

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- “Smoker”
- Betrayal
- Shame
- Humiliation
- Cruelty
- Transgression
- Journey

# The Politics of Resistance

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- A daughter...
- The narrator's grandfather...
  - “jiujitsu of the spirit”

# The End (for now)

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