W. E. B. Du Bois



W. E. B. Du Bois was born on February 23, 1868 in Massachusetts. He was born to a population of free black Americans. He went to Fisk University and graduated in 1888. Dubois traveled to Germany and studied at a university in Berlin. He returned to the US then went to Harvard University to study sociology. He was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from the school.

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In 1903, Dubois published his famous book "The Souls of Black Folk." He also worked at the Tuskegee University in the same year. He had opposing ideas from Booker T. Washington which caused friction. He joined the Niagara Movement which opposed Washington's views. Dubois published the first weekly magazine for African Americans "The Moon Illustrated Weekly." He then helped co-found the NAACP and was the editor of its magazine.

Dubois left the NAACP. In the 1950's during the Cold War he called for peace between the US and USSR. He switched to being a communist. He gave up his citizenship in 1961 and left the US permanently for Ghana, Africa.

In August 27, 1963 he died at the age of 95 in Ghana, Africa.





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1. He was born on _____

in ______.

2. Name what he is famous for



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3. He wrote the book _____

4. He helped co-found _______.

5. He died on ______ .