

Read paragraphs 13 and 14 in Chapter 1 of W. E. B. DuB Bois's "Of Our Spiritual Strivings", from "Merely a concrete test of the underlying principles" to "listen to the striving in the souls of black folk."

1. What might be the "underlying principles" to which Du Bois refers in paragraph 13? How do these principles connect to ideas discussed in paragraph 12?
2. How might "the Negro Problem" be "a concrete test" of the principles of "the great republic" (par. 13)?
3. How do the words and phrases that Du Bois uses to explain "the spiritual striving" (par. 13) further develop this experience?
4. How do the words and phrases Du Bois uses to define "the spiritual striving" help convey the meaning of *travail* in this context?
5. Why is the "burden" not "beyond the measure of their strength" (par. 13)?
6. Who are the "men" that "may listen to the striving in the souls of black folk" (par. 14)?
7. What is Du Bois's purpose for writing "Of Our Spiritual Strivings"?