

Read paragraphs 3-4 of Booker T. Washington's "Atlanta Compromise Speech" from "A ship lost at sea for many days" through "permit our grievances to overshadow our opportunities."

1. How does Washington relate the story of the ship to the ideas he introduces in paragraphs 1 and 2?
2. What is the impact of Washington's use of rhetoric in the story of the lost ship?
3. How does Washington refine the meaning of the phrase "where you are" (par. 3) in paragraph 4?
4. What "chance" does Washington claim "the Negro is given" "in the South" (par. 4)?
5. What words or phrases clarify the meaning of "the productions of our hands" in paragraph 4?
6. What does Washington regard as the "greatest danger" in the transition "from slavery to freedom" (par. 4)?
7. What is the impact of the contrasts Washington establishes in paragraph 4?
8. How does Washington's use of parallel structure in paragraph 4 contribute to the persuasiveness of this excerpt?

9. How does Washington's use of parallel structure and repetition clarify the meaning of "prosper in proportion" (par. 4) in this context?

10. What is the purpose of Washington's reference to "our grievances" (par. 4)?

11. How does the final sentence of paragraph 4 further refine Washington's point of view?