

Read paragraphs 8-9 of Booker T. Washington's "Gentlemen of the Exposition, as we present to you" to "the opportunity to spend a dollar in an opera-house."

1. How does the first sentence of paragraph 8 contribute to Washington's purpose?
2. What does "the path" (par. 8) to which Washington refers represent? What does this image suggest about his point of view?
3. What is the rhetorical effect of the figurative language that Washington uses to describe "the path" (par. 8)?
4. How does Washington describe "constant help" (par. 8) and its impact on the progress of African Americans?
5. How does Washington advance the purpose of his speech in paragraph 8?
6. How does Washington further develop his point of view in the first sentence of paragraph 9?
7. How does Washington describe "the enjoyment of all the privileges" (par. 8), and how does this description relate to images in paragraph 8?
8. How does Washington's description of those who "contribute to the markets of the world" (par. 9) further refine an idea previously discussed in the speech?

9. How does Washington believe African Americans will come to be “prepared for the exercise” of “all privileges of the law” (par. 9)? Consider ideas introduced earlier in the speech.

10. How does Washington’s use of juxtaposition in the last sentence of paragraph 9 contribute to the persuasiveness of his speech?

11. How do ideas in paragraph 9 further develop Washington’s point of view?