

The Tuskegee Airmen: The Segregated Skies of World War II



Traveling Exhibit Self Guide | Middle School

This Self Guide was written and researched by Lauren Hohn for the Museum of History and Holocaust Education

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____



Museum of History and
Holocaust Education

As you explore this traveling exhibit, you will have a choice of questions to answer. The list of questions appears in the first column. Write your answers in the second column.

The Tuskegee Airmen and A Segregated Society



Answer all THREE of these questions.

1. In what ways did public institutions in the United States support racism?
2. Lieutenant Colonel Charles "A-Train" Dryden is quoted as saying "We dared not fail." What do his words mean?
3. What was the name of the set of laws that prevented equal rights for African Americans?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

The World at War and The "Tuskegee Experiment"



*Choose TWO question from these three.
Circle the questions you are going
to answer.*

1. World War II is considered the most destructive conflict in history. Study the photographs on this panel. How do they support that idea?
2. Who founded the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute?
3. What made Tuskegee a good place to train military pilots?

Leading the Way and Unsung Heroes



Answer ALL THREE of these questions.

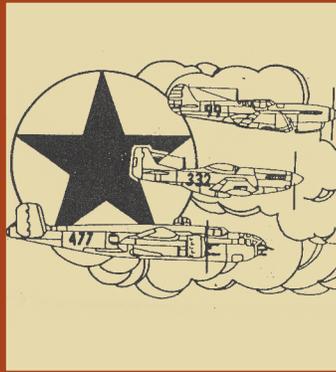
1. Who were some of the people involved with the "Tuskegee Experiment"?
2. The Tuskegee Air Squadron was made up of more than pilots. What were some of the other jobs people did? How did these people contribute to the squadron's mission?
3. What forms of discrimination did the Tuskegee Airmen face?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

The Fight to Fly and Red Tails in Combat



Choose *FOUR* questions from these five. Circle the questions you are going to answer.

1. What problems did the Tuskegee Airmen face while stationed in North Africa?
2. What happened to the 477th Bombardment Group at Freeman Field?
3. In what ways were the experiences of the 477th Bombardment Group different from the experiences of the Tuskegee Airmen?
4. How did the Tuskegee Airmen earn their nickname?
5. In what ways were the actions of the 332nd Fighter Group significant?

Coming Home to Silence and The Legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen



Answer all *THREE* of these questions.

1. What hurdles did the Tuskegee Airmen face after their service ended and they returned to the United States?
2. What was the Double V campaign and why was it significant?
3. How did the Tuskegee Airmen contribute to the emerging Civil Rights movement in the United States?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____