



We the **CIVICS** Kids

More Than Anything Else

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1. By studying the Constitution, we learn about our freedoms. What do you think it means if someone says, *Reading is our first freedom* ? Do you think it is important to learn to read? What do you think reading has to do with our freedoms?

2. In *More Than Anything Else*, we learn that Booker T. Washington wanted to learn to read more than anything else. After he learned to read, he wanted to teach other children how to read. Remember one of the freedoms in the First Amendment is the freedom or right to assemble. Think about the time period in which Booker T. Washington lived. (1856 to 1915) Do you think he would have easily been able to bring a group of friends together - to assemble a group - to teach them how to read? Why or why not?

3. Go to the Internet and research Booker T. Washington. He is described as a leader. What characteristics do you share with Booker T. Washington that make you a leader too?

