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Up from Slavery: Chapter 1 by Booker T. Washington

Guided Notes – Lesson 3

How does Washington's specific word choices create tone?

Objective: *In this lesson you will learn to identify tone by analyzing word choices.*

Steps:

1. Reread your selection, and notice powerful word choices that the author uses.
2. Brainstorm what types of feelings those word choices bring up.
3. Ask yourself: what does the author feel towards his subject?

FOCUS PASSAGE (Page 1, Paragraph 3) :

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Of my father I know even less than of my mother. I do not even know his name. I have heard reports to the effect that he was a white man who lived on one of the near-by plantations. Whoever he was, I never heard of his taking the least interest in me or providing in any way for my rearing. But I do not find especial fault with him. He was simply another unfortunate victim of the institution which the Nation unhappily had engrafted upon it at that time.

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