# NARA BLACK HISTORY BASIC TRAINING

# Feb 24 – Tuskegee University

Tuskegee University was established on July 4, 1881, as the Tuskegee Normal School for Colored Teachers. It was designed by African American architect Robert Robinson Taylor and landscaper David Williston. Led by <u>Booker T.</u> <u>Washington</u>, Tuskegee became a leading institution that trained students in the industrial arts, as well as reinforced moral and religious values. Throughout the 20th century, Tuskegee continued to enhance its curriculum and became a leading producer of African American graduates in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. In 1974, Tuskegee University was designated as a Historic Site by the National Parks Service. Notable alumni include <u>Amelia Boynton Robinson</u>, Ralph Ellison, Betty Shabazz, and Lionel Richie.



## "We all should rise, above the clouds of ignorance, narrowness, and selfishness"

#### Viewing:

- ✓ Black College Life in the New Deal, Google Arts & Culture
- ✓ Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities. Firelight Films, 2018

### <u>Reading:</u>

- ✓ Up From Slavery by Booker T. Washington, 1901
- Shelter in a Time of Storm (University of North Carolina Press),
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