

Rising Above

Two planes flew across the sky. One of the planes shot an enemy plane down. Who were these people flying across the sky? They were the Tuskegee Airmen.

Who were the Tuskegee Airmen? The Tuskegee Airmen were black pilots who proved that they were good enough to be pilots. They won many awards, when some people thought that they weren't good enough. They earned 774 air medals, 96 distinguished flying crosses, 14 bronze stars, 8 purple hearts, 2 solder medals, 1 silver star, and 1 legion of merit. What did the Tuskegee Airmen do? As pilots they usually protected bomber planes. The Tuskegee shot down enemy planes and were good at defending the bomber planes, and very few Bombers went down when the Tuskegee were there. What did they fight for? They fought in World War II, to stop Germany and their allies from genocide. Germany started the holocaust, which caused many people to be killed. Germany's allies just wanted land. How were the Tuskegee Airmen successful? The Tuskegee Airmen were successful by using the six guiding principles. What are the six guiding principles? They are: Aim High, Believe in Yourself, Use your Brain, Be Ready to Go, Never Quit, and Expect to Win.

The Tuskegee accomplished their goals using these principles. By Aiming High, the Tuskegee Airmen achieved their goals. They became pilots and helped to win the war. By Believing in Themselves, they knew they could do it, persevered and won the war. By Using Their Brain, they thought of ways to get out of lots of things, and didn't stop going forward. By being Ready to Go, they were alert and ready for an attack or something difficult. By Never Quitting when things got tough, like a lot of enemy jets, they still got through the war and didn't turn back. By Expecting to Win, they knew they would be better and be smarter after the war. Expecting to Win doesn't mean you stomp your feet and shout when you don't win, but knowing that you'll be better when you finish.

I can use these principles to achieve my goals too! I just need to Aim High, Believe in Myself, Use My Brain, Be Ready to Go, Never Quit, and I need to Expect to Win. By using these principles, the Tuskegee Airmen won and achieved their goals, and by using these principles, I can win and achieve my goals too. One of my goals is to do well in school. By Aiming High, I can choose a big goal and still achieve it. By Believing in Myself, I can give myself confidence and keep going. By Using My Brain, I can get out of problems and move on. By Being Ready to Go, I can be ready for anything that comes my way. By Never Quitting, I can get to my goal instead of stopping when things get hard. Lastly, by Expecting to Win, I can know that I will be better after I finish. You can do this too! Just follow the six guiding principles and you can be on your way to achieving your goals.