

### Tuskegee Airmen Essay contest

When you learn about WW2 I feel as if the people who don't get much recognition that fought in those battle stories are not often told. The Tuskegee Airmen, they were the first African American aviators to fight in that war. The first to fight racism in the service. In this essay I will be writing about how they played a big role and why it shouldn't go unnoticed.

In the 1940s segregation was a very known thing of course, as crazy as it was, it was legal and a law. There weren't many African American pilots because of that reason, They were not allowed to fight. But they still fought, because of activists and people who believed in themselves. There was a program for pilots and eventually the discrimination against the pilots was abolished. Even with the thought in mind that their own partners might not like them for their skin color, maybe even more than the enemy would. They were fighting a war and fighting the stereotypes against them with their principals in mind. (1)

Many African Americans had applied to a pilot training program in the 1930s but were not accepted because of their race, which was discrimination. So thanks to activist, protesters, the press, etc. that still play a big role to help change things in this country, got president Roosevelt to get those African American people accepted into the program and abolished the discrimination held against them from joining. (1)

This was my first time ever learning about the Tuskegee Airmen, and I am glad that I did. It is important to give them their credit for the work they put in for this country, although this country was against them. All those men and women were more than just pilots. They were people who had a goal and made it happen which is really inspiring, so it is important to learn about them for that purpose. Their principles were "Aim High, Believe in Yourself, Use Your Brain, Be Ready to Go, Never Quit, Expect to Win" and that is what they lived by and how they made history. What makes them really incredible is how those words can inspire someone, especially when their own teachers and people who told them they couldn't. They expected to win and for that to happen they never quit. To never quit is really a great lesson for all.

In conclusion, I wrote on what I learned about the Tuskegee Airmen who are the first African American military pilots in their time of discrimination and segregation to fight in an American war, and are best known for their extraordinary efforts in their service They worked hard to achieve their goal to be the pilots they were meant to be, because they lived by their own principles, disregarding the hate and racism they had to suffer through. Which is why the Airmen should be taught and learned about more because they are an example of how a change can be made and can inspire many people to continue fighting for a difference.

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