

## TUSKEGEE AIRMEN THE ESSAY

The Tuskegee Airmen are a very important part of history and were very brave. They had to fight both World War II and racism at the same time. That is because they were the first group of African Americans to serve as pilots in the military. Before that point, black people weren't allowed to be military pilots, because a lot of people doubted black people's ability to fly. That's why the Tuskegee Airmen used to be called the Tuskegee Experiment, because many people believed that the group would fail. In the end, the Tuskegee Airmen were far from failing and proved that African American pilots could fly just as well as their white counterparts.

One of the ways we can see the Tuskegee Airmen's talent is in their awards! All together they earned 744 Air Medals, 96 Distinguished Flying Cross awards, eight Purple Hearts, a Legion of Merit, a Silver Star, two Soldier Medals, 14 Bronze Stars, and even a Congressional Gold Medal! Out of the 996 people who were trained in Tuskegee, only 66 of them were killed in action. None of that would have been possible if they didn't use the Six Guiding Principles. The first one is **Aim High**. The Tuskegee Airmen set a goal to learn how to be pilots. They were very successful as shown in their awards. The second one is **Believe in Yourself**. The Tuskegee Airmen believed they could fight against Nazis and succeed. The third is **Use Your Brain**. Because the Tuskegee Airmen used their brain, fewer pilots were killed in battle because they were well trained and practiced. The next one is **Be Ready to Go**. Since the Tuskegee Airmen were ready they were prepared for battle at a moment's notice. Next is **Never Quit**. Because they did not quit, they accomplished their goal. Last is **Expect to Win**. The Tuskegee Airmen put in their best effort because they expected to succeed.

I can use those principles in my own life to accomplish goals. One of the goals I have is learning a new language. To do this, I need to **Aim High** so I can know as much about the language as possible. I also have to **Believe in Myself** because if I do not believe that I can learn a new language I would probably give up. I have to **Use My Brain** to solve grammar problems I am confused about. I can **Never Quit** because if I quit I will never achieve my goal, and I have to **Expect to Win** so I can put in my best effort. I can reach my goal of learning a new language by following the same principles the Tuskegee Airmen did.