

### My Pathway to Success

To be successful, you should set goals. Next you should follow guidelines or principles to help you stay focused or encouraged. My goal is to learn more and do well in my history class. In this class we are not allowed to take our notes home to study. This makes it very difficult to learn. The Tuskegee Airmen faced many obstacles. One of the obstacles they faces was the idea that black men were not as smart as white men. God gave everyone a brain. He did not make one brain better than the other. You develop your brain by using it. Doing activities such as reading, writing, singing and even dancing all help you to develop a healthy brain. I have done each of these activities to use my brain. I belong to a youth club in which we participate in many activities. We have memorized at least twenty Fredrick Douglas quotes and memorized poems with as many as ten verses and recited them in front of hundreds of people.

One of the first things the Tuskegee Airmen did was to aim high! I plan to improve my grades in history. I will do this by going over my notes before I go home from school every day. I will aim high for an "A". I believe that if Bessie Coleman could fly an airplane over one hundred years ago, I believe I can and will get my grades up in history class.

Tuskegee Airman Charles Anderson was in charge of the first group of students. His students made national news when the entire class passed the written test for ground school. No other class in the area, black or white had ever achieved ha one hundred percent pass rate on the ground test. Just as they were able to succeed, I can learn, do well in history and improve my grade. No one expected all the class to pass. They believed in themselves and expected to pass. By studying hard and staying focused and believing in myself, I expect to get better grades in history.

Eugene Bullard was one of the first black military pilots. The United States would not allow him to fly and serve as a pilot because of the color of his skin. Sometimes, you have to find another way to accomplish your goal. You have to find a way around the obstacle. Eugene Bullard did just that. Since he couldn't fly for the United States, he became a pilot and flew for France. He was the only African-American pilot in World War I. I may not be able to take my notes home to study them, so I will study extra at school. Instead of talking with my friends, I will spend my time studying. I will take a picture of my notes with my brain and then write them down on paper. I will not give up until I make an "A"

The Tuskegee Airmen achieved their goal and so will I.