



## What Would W.E.B. DuBois Do Today?

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"Among the aspects that fascinate me most about Black America's past is how our ancestors made history happen. Although much of what we call history clearly happened to them in the form of enslavement and corrosive colonialism, they nevertheless both survived and thrived—gifting to humanity some of its most life-enhancing inventions and philosophies.

"In the process, our ancestors established enduring legacies that exemplify what it means to live the history of a given moment with inspired courage, transformative vision and informed purpose.

"Turn to a page in the year 1900 and we see the great educator and human rights advocate [W.E.B. DuBois](#) sailing across the Atlantic Ocean."

[This article provides a brief retrospective of W.E.B. DuBois and posits some questions about what he would do today?](#)

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### [Who was W.E.B. DuBois?](#)

Born William Edward Burghardt DuBois, W.E.B. was "an attacker of injustice and a defender of freedom." Labeled as a radical, he was a harbinger of Black nationalism and Pan-Africanism. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote of W.E.B.: Dr. DuBois was a tireless explorer and a gifted discoverer of social truths. His singular greatness lay in his quest for truth about his own people..."