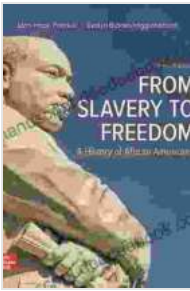


African American Education in Slavery and Freedom: The John Hope Franklin Institute



The history of African American education is a complex and multifaceted one, marked by both progress and setbacks. During the era of slavery, African Americans were largely denied access to formal education, but they nonetheless found ways to learn and develop their minds. In the years after the Civil War, African Americans made significant strides in education, but they continued to face discrimination and segregation in schools. Today, African Americans continue to struggle for educational equity, but they have made great progress in recent decades.



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Education in Slavery

During the era of slavery, African Americans were largely denied access to formal education. White slave owners feared that educating slaves would make them less obedient and more likely to rebel. As a result, most slaves were not allowed to attend school. However, some slaves were able to learn to read and write in secret. They often learned from white tutors or from free black people.

In addition to formal education, slaves also learned a great deal from their own experiences and from the oral traditions of their culture. They learned about the history of Africa, about the evils of slavery, and about the importance of freedom. They also learned about the power of education to change their lives.

Education in Freedom

After the Civil War, African Americans made significant strides in education. They were finally allowed to attend school, and they eagerly took advantage of this opportunity. In the years after the war, hundreds of schools were founded for African Americans. These schools were often founded by black teachers and administrators, and they played a vital role in the education of African Americans.

However, African Americans continued to face discrimination and segregation in schools. In many states, black children were forced to attend separate schools from white children. These schools were often underfunded and overcrowded, and they did not provide the same quality of education as white schools.

Despite these challenges, African Americans made great progress in education in the years after the Civil War. By the early 20th century, there were a number of black colleges and universities that were providing a quality education to African American students. These institutions played a vital role in the development of African American leadership and in the fight for civil rights.

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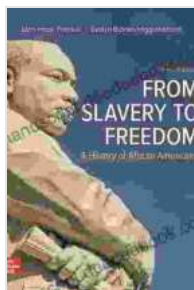
The John Hope Franklin Institute is a research center at Duke University that is dedicated to the study of African American history and culture. The institute was founded in 1995 and is named after John Hope Franklin, a renowned historian who wrote extensively about the African American experience.

The Franklin Institute conducts research on a wide range of topics related to African American history and culture, including education, civil rights, and

the arts. The institute also has a number of educational programs, including a graduate certificate program in African American studies and a summer institute for teachers.

The Franklin Institute is a valuable resource for scholars, students, and the general public. Its research helps to shed light on the African American experience and its educational programs help to promote understanding and appreciation of African American history and culture.

The history of African American education is a complex and multifaceted one. African Americans have faced numerous challenges in their quest for education, but they have also made great progress. Today, African Americans continue to struggle for educational equity, but they have much to be proud of in their educational history.



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