

Quick Facts

Birth: February 23, 1868 in Great Barrington, MA

Death: August 27, 1963 in Accra, Ghana

Education Harvard University, Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, University of Berlin, Fisk University

Did You Know?

- W.E.B. Du Bois was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University (1895)

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- The first case study of an African-American community was conducted by W.E.B. Du Bois, published as *The Philadelphia Negro: A Social Study* (1899)

Did You Know?

- W.E.B. Du Bois co-founded the NAACP in 1909

Did You Know?

- W.E.B. Du Bois died one day before Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington (August 28, 1963)

“Du Bois believed that his life acquired its only deep significance through its participation in what he called “the Negro problem”, or, later, “the race problem.” Whether that is true or not, it is difficult to think of anyone, at any time, who examined the race problem in its many aspects more profoundly, extensively, and subtly than W.E.B. Du Bois. Du Bois was an activist and a journalist, a historian and a sociologist, a novelist, a critic, and a philosopher – but it is the race problem that unifies his work in these many domains.”

- Robert Gooding-Williams
<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/dubois/>

