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3 minute Story & Big Idea

Honors 220 B

Part 1 - 3 minute story Choose one of the Du Bois slides Write a 3 minute story (about 250 words) that tells your audience your interpretation of the story behind the slide. That is, if you only had 3 minutes to describe what is happening in the slide you choose, what would you say?

Part 2 - Big Idea Using the same slide as part 1, write a 1 sentence Big Idea regarding your perception of the slide. It must articulate your unique point of view, it must convey what is at stake, and it must be a complete sentence.

Part 1

In a world of data, telling an honest, *complete* story is a feat of concentrated effort. Examining Du Bois' depiction of "Occupations of Georgia Black People. *Males over 10.*" He confronts the economic relationships of Jim Crow's browbeaten labor allowances, highlighting that most socially categorized black Georgians were employed in industries previously held together by slave labor (namely, agriculture and hard labor). This notion recognizes the tortured relationships with land and farming that black people living in Georgia were still facing, yet it pushes the viewer elsewhere, too— beyond just the vast winding bar graph. Below lies an industry of skilled carpenters, clergy, barbers, professors, masons, and engineers. Even Though they are comparably fractional to the agriculture related workers, Du Bois still shows the importance of their presence— they have a power in disproving false perceptions surrounding the black population in America. Which, in turn, relates the viewer to considering the following plate comparing black people and white people occupations, showing a startling similarity to a misled public. These similarities drawn between whites, especially *poor whites*, and black people in subjugating contexts were ingenious indicators of the future labor rights movements, protests like *The Battle of Blair Mountain*, and even affirmative action for whites— executed by the New Deal, the GI Bill, and other racist economic or social order policy implementations.

Part 2

Du Bois' data surrounding labor trends across national, state, and racial lines reflects a veracious, nuanced historical perspective, prophesying impacts beyond its time.