

MAKE YOUR OWN HISTORY

Thomas Wiggins Worksheet



Make the Most of Your Abilities

Though blind, Thomas Wiggins attained amazing success, becoming one of the most popular Black entertainers of 19th century America. Like Wiggins, give everything you've got to make the most of your abilities. Practicing the **3 P's** will fuel your pursuit.

PERSONALIZE

Don't worry about what others are saying or doing. Discipline yourself to become the very best at what you've been gifted to do.

Ask yourself:

What steps can I take to take my talent to a higher level of expression and production . . . to the highest level possible?

PUSH AGAINST PREJUDICE

Let your talent and accomplishments speak for you. If you're truly committed to make the most of your abilities, then you will be striving for perfection, and nothing — not your skin color, not your background, not your adversaries — can hold you back.

Ask yourself:

Am I willing to keep pressing ahead even when confronted by unfair circumstances and unsupportive people? . . . How can I develop the strength to overcome them?

PERFECTION

Perfection is a hard thing to attain; it's a lifelong quest. It starts with your decision to do something TODAY to get better.

Ask yourself:

Am I willing to get better every day? . . . What is that one thing I can do TODAY to improve myself? . . . to make the most of my abilities?