



LESSON- 17

Struggle for Education

NOTES:

Summary: These lines have been taken from the lesson 'My Struggle for an Education' written by Booker T. Washington. The author says that he was very much pleased when the head teacher of Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, permitted him to join the school. He considered himself to be the happiest person in the world. He swept the recitation room and dusted every article of the furniture and the homework around the walls of the room very carefully. No particle of dirt could be seen there. It was the real admission test given to the author. Had he failed in that test, the head teacher would not have allowed his admission to that institute. The author expresses his feelings that he had passed several examinations during his student life but none of them had been so important as the one of sweeping and dusting of the recitation room. The author becomes emotional and recalls it as the best ever examination he had passed in his life.

Word Meaning:-

Coloured People	:	Negros are referred to as coloured people in the Western Countries
Satchel	:	bag
Exhausted	:	tired
Cargo	:	load in a ship
Pig-iron	:	mass of iron extracted from ore
Vessel	:	ship
Closet	:	cupboard