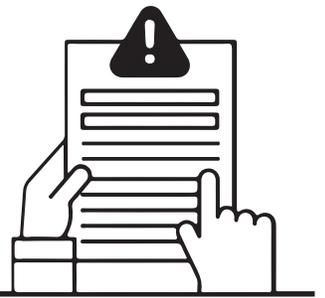


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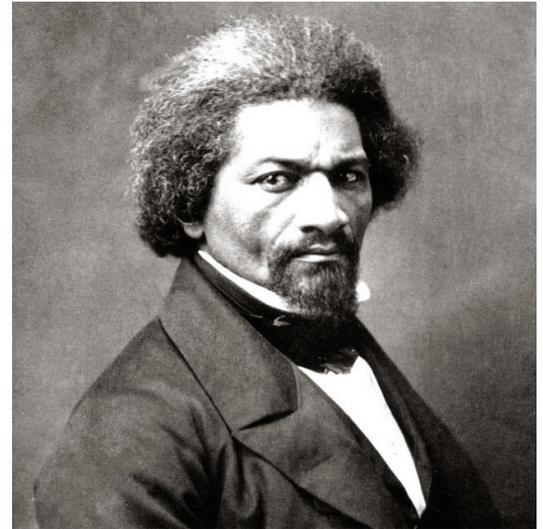
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# Frederick Douglass

Frederick Douglass was born in February 1818 into enslavement on a plantation in Maryland. His early years were filled with hardship. He was separated from his mother and faced the brutal realities of life as an enslaved person. Despite these challenges, Douglass was determined to learn to read and write. He believed that education was the key to freedom.

Douglass taught himself to read by observing the young children in the household. He would sneak lessons whenever he could. His ability to read opened his eyes to the world beyond enslavement. He eventually escaped to the North and became a prominent abolitionist. He fought for the rights and freedom of all enslaved people.

Douglass wrote several autobiographies. He shared his experiences and advocated for equality. He spoke passionately about the importance of education and the need for social justice. Douglass inspired many to join the fight against enslavement. Throughout his life, Frederick Douglass remained a powerful voice for change. His words inspired others to act for a more just and equal society. Today, he is remembered not only for his remarkable journey from enslavement to freedom but also for his enduring legacy as a champion of human rights.



1. What did Frederick Douglass believe was the key to freedom?

- wealth
- education
- travel
- power

2. How did Douglass teach himself to read?

- by attending school
- by watching young children in the household
- by reading books he found
- by listening to others read

3. What were some of the challenges Frederick Douglass faced during his early years of life?

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