



Frederick Douglass

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About

“Once you learn to read, you will be free,” I said once and meant it.

With no formal education, only taught the English alphabet by my masters wife I had no hopes of being known, despite my intentions. I taught everyone around me what I knew, but still, feeling as if I wasn't doing enough I moved towards teaching the whole world what they didn't know—how severe inequality is in America.

Soon after I escaped my bodadged life, I was inspired by the abolitionist movement to write my Narrative for the outside world—not knowing it will change lives and perspectives for years to come. By then it was clear that writing and public speaking were a few of the things I enjoyed doing. Becoming the leader of the abolitionist movement meant looking for a way to exploit my position in socitey regardless of who I was, whether that was a leader, a statesman, an orator, or an author: “Without struggle there is no success,” because fighting for both my people and women at that time was far from easy but I began writing the *North Star*, now known as the *Fredrick Douglass Paper*, to help.

That is unlike the people I try to stray away from. People like Mary Harris Jones—who says that women suffrage is a diversion from the real problem of worker exploitation. Jones is wrong in that matter, for I believe women suffrage is a human right not a mere diversion to be used for selfish purposes. George Pullman also turns a blind eye and seeks former slaves to work for him for cheap wages, he cares about his sleeping car and nothing more.

It is true that regardless of who I dislike, I will continue to fight for what is right. Whether that's through speech or writing, I shall teach what is not being taught right.

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Education

Self Taught

Connections

Susan B. Anthony, an old friend. Founded the American Equal Rights Association with me in 1866 (along with a few others).

Booker T. Washington, although we haven't met, we share similar skills, life styles, and beliefs. A few that would exceed expectations.

Accomplishments

- *What to a Slave is the Fourth of July?*
- *My Bondage and My Freedom*
- *The first African American to be appointed US Marshal of the District of Columbia*
- *Lead the Abolitionist Movement*