



👊 Black History Heroes

Grade 3

Name: _____

Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

Frederick Douglass: Abolitionist and Orator



Imagine a time when speaking your mind could change the world.

Frederick Douglass was a powerful voice who did just that.

Born into slavery in Maryland around 1818, Frederick never knew his exact birthday. He secretly learned to read and write, understanding that education was a path to freedom.

After escaping slavery in 1838, Douglass became a famous orator, speaking out against slavery across the country and even in Europe. He also wrote three autobiographies, including "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave," which showed the harsh realities of slavery to many people. His words helped convince others that slavery was wrong.

Douglass faced constant danger and prejudice, even after gaining his freedom. He risked being captured and returned to slavery many times, but he never stopped fighting for justice and equality for all.

Frederick Douglass is remembered today as one of the most important leaders in American history. His bravery and powerful words helped end slavery and continue to inspire people to stand up for what is right.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Where was Frederick Douglass born?



- A Maryland B New York C Virginia D Massachusetts

(2) Frederick Douglass believed that _____ was a path to freedom.

— continue writing on the lines below

(3) In the passage, what does the word "orator" mean?

- A A person who writes books B A person who travels a lot
 C A skilled public speaker D A person who fights wars

(4) Why do you think Frederick Douglass continued speaking out against slavery even though he faced constant danger? Use details from the passage.

(5) How has Frederick Douglass's work changed the world? What can we learn from his life?

