

Frederick Douglass

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“What is possible for me, is possible for you”

Objective

He planned on abolishing slavery by educating and informing others the horrors and inhumanity of slavery through his books and speeches, and by advocating for not only the abolition of slavery, but for social and economic equality for all African-Americans.

Background

- Born to a slave woman and an unknown white man in Maryland in 1817
- Until the age of 6 lived with his grandparents.
- Abandoned by grandparents on a Maryland plantation
- At the age of 8, he went to a shipyard in Baltimore, where he learned about abolition.
- He managed to escape by 1838 after enduring a very difficult experience as a slave, and moved with his wife to Massachusetts.

Involvement in the Abolition Movement

- After moving to Massachusetts, he concentrated on educating himself.
- He was inspired by William Lloyd Garrison, and gave his first speech in 1841.
- A member of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society.
- For the next three years, he was a regular speaker for the society, talking about his experience as a slave.
- He wrote his first autobiography in 1845, called *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, written by himself*.
- Spoke on a tour to England, Ireland and Scotland
- Publisher of *The North Star* newspaper.

Importance to the Movement

- Played a huge part in educating society on the hardships of being a slave
- He could speak about his own experiences
- Was a trusted advisor of President Abraham Lincoln

Publications

The North Star Newspaper

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave

My Bondage and My Freedom

The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass



Keshia Pimenta, Anita Louie, Adelaide Zhao, Vikram Pasumarti

