GRADES 4–5

Frederick Douglass Writer and Speaker

Name / chosen name: _____

Frederick Douglass · 1818–1895
Writing, speaking and civil rights

Frederick Douglass was born enslaved in Maryland and escaped in 1838. He became a writer, speaker and campaigner against slavery. In 1845 he published an account of his life. He also founded the newspaper The North Star in 1847. Through writing and speeches he challenged slavery and argued for equal rights. His achievements depended on his work and on relationships with other people seeking change. This card uses original summary wording and does not invent a quotation.

1. What is one achievement described in the text?

2. Which detail supports your answer?

3. How does this contribution connect to a wider community or field?

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