

# Frederick Douglass

Frederick Douglass was one of the most important Black Americans in history. Growing up as a slave **prompted** Douglass to become a talented public speaker, a leader of the abolitionist movement, and an advisor to President Abraham Lincoln. He worked for the Anti-Slavery Society and traveled to many states to give lectures about human destruction caused by slavery. Douglass then traveled to England to give more lectures along the countryside. He met many friends who helped him buy his freedom. In 1847 Douglass returned to the United States as a free man. He moved to New York and published a newspaper called the *Frederick Douglass*. Frederick Douglass continued fighting for equal rights until he died in 1895 after a long illness.



1. Circle all of the words that describe Frederick Douglass:

writer    black    teacher    speaker    white    leader

2. What does the word **prompted** mean?

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3. Who helped Douglass buy his freedom?

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4. True or False? Douglass was an incredible speaker.