

Frederick Douglass

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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below. Frederick Douglass was born a slave in Maryland. In his autobiography *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, he states that his father was a white man, possibly the master of the plantation. He was separated from his mother when he was an infant. He tells of witnessing the beating of slaves by unmerciful masters. Frederick lived on the plantation of Colonel Lloyd. When he was seven or eight years old Frederick went to Baltimore to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Auld to care for their young son. There for the first time he found kindness. It was Mrs. Auld who taught him his ABCs and how to read. He began a Sabbath school to teach the other slaves how to read and write. At one time he had over 40 students, mostly men and women. He finally escaped and made his way to New York where a kindly man, Mr. David Ruggles, took him in. He sent for Anna, his intended wife, and they were married. He was able to find a job and worked joyfully in his new found freedom. He began to publish an abolitionist newspaper *The North Star*. Within eight years he had 3,000 subscribers. He became a great orator, speaking out against slavery. Frederick Douglass served in several government posts and in 1889 was appointed consul general to the Republic of Haiti.

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