

### Title: Frederick Douglass: An American Slave

#### Word Study

A. Fill in the blanks using the words.

slaves	hero	masters	courage
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1.



Slaves had to do what their masters said.

2.



White masters could buy and sell slaves.

3.



Reading people's words against slavery gave Frederick courage.

4.



Frederick chose his new name from a poem about a hero.

#### Reading Comprehension

B. Circle Yes or No.

1.



White masters could do whatever they wanted to slaves.

Yes

No

2.



Mr. Anthony knew that the overseer was being mean to his slaves.

Yes

No

3.



Ellen Richardson bought Frederick's freedom.

Yes

No

4.



Frederick joined a group of abolitionists.

Yes

No

### C. Choose the best answer.

1. Why did the farmer hit the boy?



- a. Because he stole his cart
- b. Because he wouldn't work
- c. Because he was a slave
- d. Because he hit the farmer

2. What crop was grown on many plantations?



- a. Corn
- b. Cotton
- c. Potatoes
- d. Beans

3. How did Sophia Auld help Frederick?



- a. She bought him from his master.
- b. She taught him to read.
- c. She helped him escape.
- d. She stopped his master from beating him.

4. What did Frederick do when he was free?



- a. He bought slaves.
- b. He gave speeches against slavery.
- c. He moved to the South.
- d. He learned to read.

## Summary

**Fill in the blanks with the words.**

freedom	plantations	misery	abolitionists
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In 1831, white masters were allowed to own slaves. The slaves worked hard, but their masters were often very mean. Frederick was a slave. He belonged to Mr. Anthony. Mr. Anthony owned several 1) plantations. When Frederick was older, he tried to escape, but he did not get away. Sophia Auld helped Frederick. She taught him how to read. Frederick felt education was 2) freedom. Frederick finally escaped in 1838. He chose a new name from a poem about a hero. He became Frederick Douglass. He joined a group of 3) abolitionists. He began giving speeches about his life as a slave. He said, "The white man's happiness cannot be purchased by the black man's 4) misery." Frederick went to England to speak. He met Ellen Richardson. She bought his freedom so he could return to the South without being killed. Frederick spent his life fighting for freedom for all people.