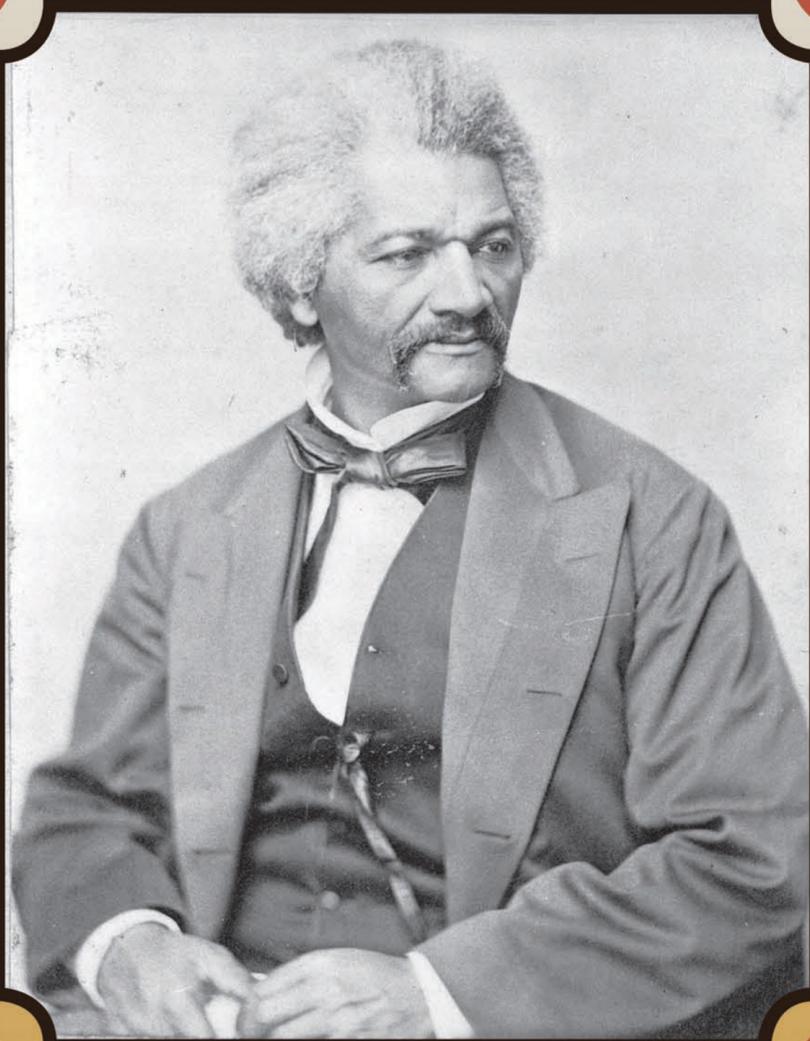


# FREDERICK DOUGLASS

1818 - 1895



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**F**rederick Douglass was one of America's most prominent and well-known abolitionists. He was born into slavery, but at the age of 20 he escaped and settled in Boston. There, Douglass became involved in the abolitionist cause. He published his own newspaper, *The North Star*, and advocated for a number of other social

justice causes, including workers' rights and women's suffrage. From the outset of the Civil War, he was one of the strongest advocates for a shift in the War's aims from restoration of the Union to ending slavery. He also encouraged President Lincoln to allow black men to fight in the Union Army. Douglass lived in Rochester from 1847 until the beginning of the Civil War. From there, he published his newspaper, offered his home as shelter to runaway slaves making their way to Canada, and continued to advocate for greater equality and justice for all people.