

Two Truths and One Lie: Frederick Douglass



Read the three statements about Frederick Douglass. Can you figure out which two statements are true and which one is false? Research using books, articles, or websites to confirm your answer. Circle the lie. *Sample Answers*

1 Frederick Douglass was born on a plantation in Maryland. Since his mother was enslaved, he was born enslaved, too.

2 Frederick Douglass went to school to learn how to read and write.

3 Frederick Douglass escaped from slavery by getting on a train to New York. He then worked to end slavery.

Answer these questions after doing some research.

1. Fix the false statement so that it is now true.

The lie is number 2. Slaves were not allowed to go to school to learn to read and write. It was his master's wife that taught him how to read.

2. Choose a fact about Frederick Douglass you think is important.

Student answers will vary.

3. Explain why you chose that fact to share.

Student answers will vary, but should discuss the fact they chose for number 2.

4. On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph about Frederick Douglass using more than two sources for information (like a website and an article).