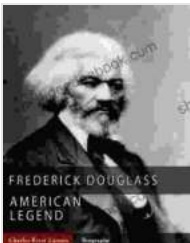


# Frederick Douglass: A Life of Unwavering Courage and Determination

Frederick Douglass was a remarkable figure in American history, whose life was marked by an unwavering pursuit of freedom, justice, and equality. Born into slavery in Maryland, Douglass escaped to the North and became a leading abolitionist, orator, author, and statesman.



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Douglass was raised by his grandmother, Betty Bailey, who taught him the value of literacy and self-reliance. At the age of 12, Douglass was sent to Baltimore to work as a house servant. He was subjected to harsh treatment and physical abuse, but he never gave up hope of freedom.

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Douglass was a gifted orator and writer. He published three autobiographies, which became bestsellers and helped to shape the public's understanding of slavery. He also founded and edited several newspapers, including the North Star and the Frederick Douglass' Paper, which were influential voices in the fight for abolition.

Douglass was a tireless advocate for civil rights and social justice. He fought for the right of African Americans to vote, hold office, and receive equal treatment under the law. He also spoke out against racism, discrimination, and segregation.

Douglass's work had a profound impact on American history. He was a powerful voice for freedom and equality, and his legacy continues to inspire people around the world.

## **Douglass's Early Life**

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Douglass's escape from slavery was a daring and dangerous undertaking. He had to travel hundreds of miles on foot and by boat, and he had to constantly be on the lookout for slave catchers. But Douglass was determined to be free, and he refused to give up.

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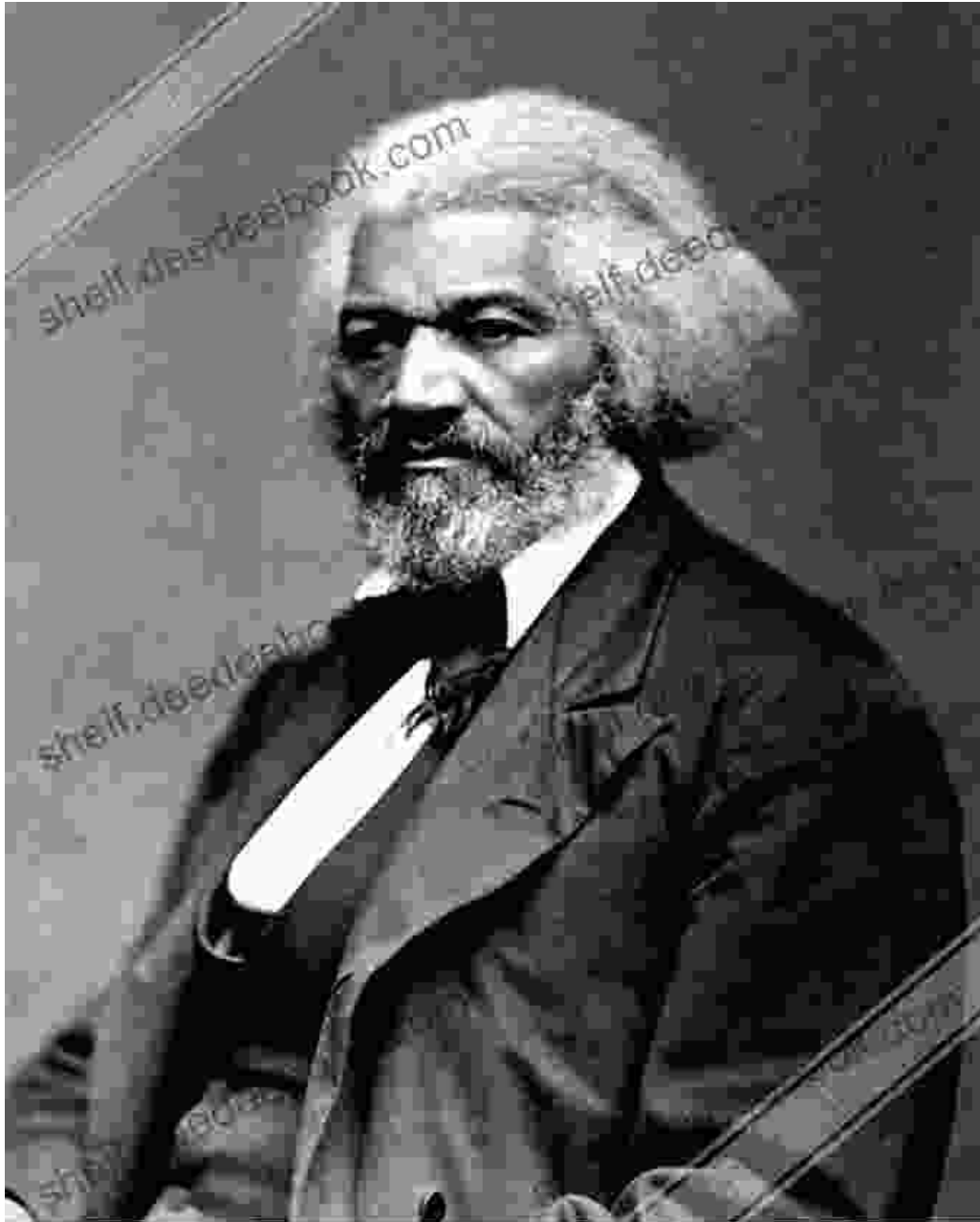
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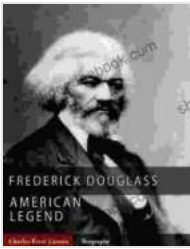
Douglass died on February 20, 1895, at the age of 77. He is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, New York. His gravesite is a National Historic Landmark.

Douglass's legacy is one of courage, determination, and unwavering commitment to justice. He was a true American hero, and his work helped to shape the course of American history.



### **Additional Resources**

- [The Frederick Douglass Family Foundation](#)
- [Frederick Douglass National Historic Site](#)
- [Frederick Douglass: The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass](#)



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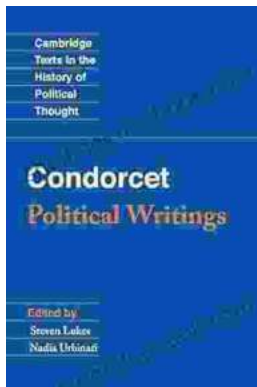
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