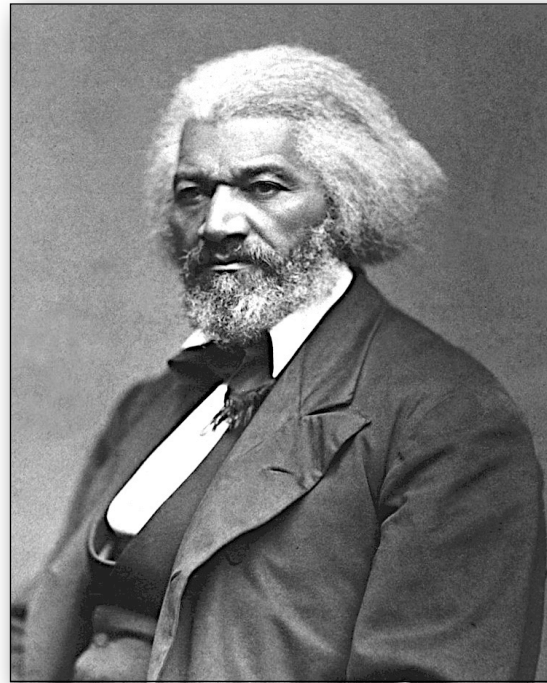


Drama, Writing and Speech

Assignment 18

- *reading*. Read the following speeches: 1) Abraham Lincoln's First Inaugural Address 2) Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and 3) Frederick Douglass's July 4th speech 4) George H. Bush's Inaugural speech. Complete all study guide material. There is no study guide material on Bush's speech.
- *video*. Last week you watched Reagan's Berlin Wall Speech. Watch **JFK's speech** delivered to an enormous crowd in Berlin in which he says, *Ich bin ein Berliner* (*I am a Berliner*) (about 4 minutes). Many have said that Kennedy made a grammatical mistake and that he *should* have said, "Ich bin Berliner," but what came out was "I am a jelly donut." Yes, that it is true: *Ich bin ein Berliner* can mean "I am a jelly donut," but in context, says a German linguist, his statement was perfectly acceptable.
- *picture*. The picture on this assignment page is of Frederick Douglass, an ardent abolitionist and author of *Narrative of a Slave*. His rhetorical skills are undeniable, skills that he would have picked up not in the classroom, but by reading abolitionist newspapers.



Long-Term Assignment

- *passage*. Continue to review the passage that you memorized from *King Lear*.
- *essay*. You will be writing another musings or narrative essay due **the second week of February**.

composition 1. Thoreau says in his essay on solitude that "society is cheap." In response to this work, write a musings or narrative essay on what it means to you to be in company. Do you enjoy being around a lot of people? What feelings do you have when you are? Are you an introvert or extrovert? Use some of the elements of essay writing that we have talked about, such as taking a deeper, philosophic look at your subject; specifically for this assignment, you might want to reflect on the reason for awkwardness in being around a lot of people or the reason why some people are "social butterflies." The essay will be due the second week of February.

composition 2. Eliot Gregory declares confidently that America's national failing is slouch. Write a narrative or musings essay on what you think America's national failing is, imitating the same tone as Gregory.
- You will be completing a work based on the passage you have chosen from *King Lear*—poetry, painting, weaving, etc., due **the second Friday in April**.