

Sample Outline #1

Title: Frederick Douglass

Thesis: Frederick Douglass played a crucial role in securing the abolition of slavery and equality of African-American rights through his actions, ideas, and efforts as a lecturer, author/publisher, and politician.

- I. Introduction
 - A. Thesis
 - B. Roles/Arguments
- II. Douglass as Lecturer
 - A. History as slave and acquisition of education
 - 1) He “experienced slavery”
 - 2) Literacy allowed expression
 - B. Early lectures, including initial speech before Garrison
 - 1) Success of initial speech
 - 2) Goals for future speeches
 - C. Effect of lectures on society
 - 1) Open eyes
 - 2) Encourage activism
- III. Douglass as Author/Publisher
 - A. *Narrative*’s success and effect
 - 1) Springboard for paper
 - B. Goals/hopes for paper
 - C. Garrison set-back and significance
 - D. Significance of Paper
- IV. Douglass as Politician
 - A. Key trait for success
 - B. Goal of political activism
 - C. Efforts for Republican party
 - 1) Significance of efforts
 - D. Black soldier enlistment crusade
 - E. Joining of Republican party
 - 1) Significance of efforts
- V. Conclusion
 - A. Summarize arguments and efforts