Review Questions

1) Where was Frederick Douglas born? What town in Maryland?

2) How do slaves celebrate birthdays?

3) What does this mean regarding computing one’s own age?

4) How did Frederick Douglas compute his own age?

5) What was Frederick Douglas’ mother’s name?

6) Who was Frederick Douglas’ father?

7) What was Frederick Douglas’ relationship with his mother?

8) On slave plantations who raised infants?

9) How did Frederick Douglas get together with his mother? How often?

10) What did Frederick Douglas’ mother do on the plantation?

11) How long did Frederick Douglas’ mother live?

12) How did Frederick Douglas learn who his father was?

13) How was family lineage determined among slaves?

14) What were the conditions of the slaves who had been fathered by the slave owner?

15) How was it different from how other slaves were treated?

16) What was one Southerner’s prediction about the role of slave population in the politics of the South?

17) What did one slave owner do to an aunt of Frederick Douglas? Why?