The Narrative of The Life of Frederick Douglass

Preface

Review Questions

1) Who wrote this preface?

2) What was this preface’s author’s reaction to hearing Frederick Douglass?

3) What was Frederick Douglass’ reaction to speaking before European-American audiences?

4) What did Frederick Douglass say about his schooling?

5) To what did the author of this preface compare Frederick Douglass?

6) In what state are these events occurring?

7) What plans for the future did the author of the preface make for Frederick Douglass?

8) Who was John A. Collins?

9) How was Frederick Douglass as a public speaker?

10) Who is Daniel O’Connell? What did Daniel O’Connell say about slavery?

11) Did Frederick Douglass receive any help writing this narrative autobiography?

12) Compared to other slaves, how difficult a life did Frederick Douglass have in bondage?

13) Where were the slaves treated more harshly than in the state where Frederick Douglass was enslaved?

14) According to this preface what was the general population’s understanding about slavery?

15) What did Frederick Douglass do to respond to his critics and skeptics?

16) What did the nephew of General Matthews do?

17) What was the response of the civil authorities to the actions of General Matthew’s nephew?

18) With what slogan does the preface’s author close?

19) When was the preface written?