



Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

by Frederick Douglass · Best for B1–B2 (Intermediate–Upper intermediate)

Read-along audiobook · B1–B2

Written by Douglass himself, this short autobiography tells how he was born into slavery in Maryland, taught himself to read in secret, and eventually escaped to the North. The prose is direct and powerful — sentences are often plain and short, but the subject matter is demanding. At B1 you will follow the story; at B2 you will feel the full weight of the arguments he makes about freedom and human dignity.

What you'll practise

- First-person past simple narration throughout the whole text
- Vocabulary of plantation life, labour, and legal status
- Short but dense argumentative paragraphs that build a case
- Tap any unfamiliar historical or legal term to see its meaning

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