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b. Baltimore, MD 9/24/1825;

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Poet and activist Frances Ellen Watkins Harper used her writing and speaking skills to fight for human rights. She championed the abolition of slavery, voting rights for women, and equal treatment for all. Often excluded from the mainstream women's suffrage movement, Harper helped found the National Association of Colored Women to promote equal rights, job opportunities, and education for women of color.



"You white women speak here of rights. I speak of wrongs."

(1866 National Woman's Rights Convention, NY)