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b. Maryland, 2/1818; d. Washington, DC, 2/20/1895.

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Born into slavery, Douglass escaped to Philadelphia in 1838. Shortly after gaining his freedom, he began to write and speak against the evils of slavery. He spoke to a large crowd "under the eaves" of Independence Hall on August 18, 1844. He gave his "Slaveholder's Sermon" with "glowing eloquence", even referring to the writing of the Declaration of Independence. His *Narrative* (autobiography) became a bestseller. Douglass' most famous speech about slavery was "What to a Slave is the Fourth of July?".

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

Visit Independence Square where Douglass spoke against slavery.
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