

Frederick Douglass. As a slave, Frederick Douglass witnessed brutality firsthand. He escaped from servitude in Baltimore in 1838, traveling to New England, where he became a leader of the Massachusetts anti-slavery movement; he lectured for the American Anti-Slavery Society as well. Douglass wrote *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass,* a short autobiography, in 1845. He later established an abolitionist newspaper, *The North Star,* in Rochester, New York. Douglass left the U.S. after the failure of the John Brown raid at Harpers Ferry. He returned at the beginning of the Civil War to help raise black regiments for the Union war effort, as well as to agitate for Negro suffrage and civil rights. Frederick Douglass died in Washington, D.C., in 1895.