*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*: *An American Slave*

Historical Background Video

***Abolitionists***

1. Describe one of Douglass' first memories of slavery.
2. What was Douglass able to do that other slaves were not?
3. Describe Douglass' time with the slave breaker.
4. What was the mission of the abolitionist movement?
5. What were the various tactics the abolitionists used to fight for freedom and equality? (List at least 4 examples.)
6. Of the tactics employed by various abolitionists, which do you think was most effective in bringing about an end to slavery and why?
7. What were abolitionists risking by speaking out and fighting for emancipation of slaves?
8. Why do you think the abolitionist movement and the women’s suffrage movement often joined forces?
9. Imagine you, as an enslaved person, have runaway and are relying on abolitionists along the Underground Railroad to assist you. What would be exciting about this situation? What would be frightening?
10. 7. Why do you think some abolitionists grew more militant in their fight for justice and equality?
11. Summarize the purpose of the Emancipation Proclamation. In your opinion, was it an effective document (for freeing the slaves or for other purposes)? Why or why not?
12. Why did some abolitionists continue their work, even after the Thirteenth Amendment was ratified?
13. If you feel something occurring in society is unjust, what are the various ways you can make your opposition known or strive for change?