

Frederick Douglass



Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass written by Frederick Douglass

- **Nonfiction:** prose writing based on facts, real events, and real people, such as biography or history
- **Autobiography:** an account of a person's life written by that person
- **Narrative:** a spoken or written account of connected events; a story



Frederick Douglass
a poem written by Robert Hayden

When it is finally ours, this freedom, this liberty, this beautiful
and terrible thing, needful to man as air,
usable as earth; when it belongs at last to all,
when it is truly instinct, brain matter, diastole, systole,
reflex action; when it is finally won; when it is more
than the gaudy mumbo jumbo of politicians:
this man, this Douglass, this former slave, this Negro
beaten to his knees, exiled, visioning a world
where none is lonely, none hunted, alien,
this man, superb in love and logic, this man
shall be remembered. Oh, not with statues' rhetoric,
not with legends and poems and wreaths of bronze alone,
but with the lives grown out of his life, the lives
fleshing his dream of the beautiful, needful thing.

According to Hayden, what kind of man was Frederick
Douglass?

What proof is there in the poem to support your opinion?

Directions:

- Read introduction in book.
- Look at points to analyze as reading.