

## **Title: Frederick Douglass**

**Thesis:** Frederick Douglass played a crucial role in securing the abolition of slavery and equality of African-American rights through his actions, ideas, and efforts as a lecturer, author/publisher, and politician.

### **I. Introduction**

A. Thesis

B. Roles/Arguments

### **II. Douglass as Lecturer**

A. History as slave and acquisition of education

1) He “experienced slavery”

2) Literacy allowed expression

B. Early lectures, including initial speech before Garrison

1) Success of initial speech

2) Goals for future speeches

C. Effect of lectures on society

1) Open eyes

2) Encourage activism

### **III. Douglass as Author/Publisher**

A. *Narrative*’s success and effect

1) Springboard for paper

B. Goals/hopes for paper

C. Garrison set-back and significance

D. Significance of Paper

### **IV. Douglass as Politician**

A. Key trait for success

B. Goal of political activism

C. Efforts for Republican party

1) Significance of efforts

D. Black soldier enlistment crusade

E. Joining of Republican party

1) Significance of efforts

### **V. Conclusion**

A. Summarize arguments and efforts