



Programs for Students and Teachers

The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site is the last home of the abolitionist, orator, and activist Frederick Douglass. Because Douglass led such a diverse and fascinating life his house is the perfect venue for talking about a wide range of topics including: literacy and the power of reading, the journey from slavery to freedom, the Civil War, citizenship, Abraham Lincoln, reconstruction, segregation and the civil rights movement.

For Students

Field Trips

Guided tours of Frederick Douglass's home (the only way to see inside the home) are available year round and are a great way to immerse students in the 19th century. Maximum group size is 120. Reservations must be made at least one week in advance (call 1-877-559-6777). There is a five dollar fee for each time slot reserved. Tours can be tailored to emphasize particular subjects, please contact the site prior to visiting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/frdo/planyourvisit

Oratorical Contest (Grades 1-12)

When Frederick Douglass was a child a book of speeches called "The Columbian Orator" changed his life. The Frederick Douglass Oratorical Contest helps students experience this same transformative power of words and public speaking. Students memorize a portion of a Douglass speech and then deliver it at his home. More info at www.nps.gov/frdo/oratorical-contest

For Teachers

Lesson Plans

Several lesson plans focused on Frederick Douglass are available free at www.nps.gov/frdo/forteachers

Civil War Washington Teacher Institute

A week long teacher fellowship program that spends a day each at the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, Ford's Theater, Tudor Place, and Lincoln's Cottage. Open to teachers from across the country the program focuses on both content and teaching techniques (including: oratory, drama, primary sources, historic sites etc.). www.nps.gov/frdo/forteachers

Teacher Group Visits/TAH programs

The Frederick Douglass NHS loves to host teachers and is able to work with the different focuses and priorities of different groups. Please contact Braden Paynter at 202-426-5961 or Braden_Paynter@nps.gov to arrange a visit.