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## Freedom Frames

**Directions:** Read the two short passages below, each written by a different author but focusing on the same theme: **freedom**. Answer the reflection questions to deepen your analysis.

### *Excerpt Inspired by Frederick Douglass*

"I would sometimes stand on the banks of the Chesapeake Bay and watch the ships move freely across the water. They carried men who were free, while I, bound in slavery, could only imagine liberty. The sight both tormented me and filled me with determination, for I knew that freedom was as natural to man as the wind filling those sails."

### *Excerpt Inspired by Walt Whitman*

"From the open road I sing of freedom, of a people unchained, moving boldly toward their future. Freedom is the song in the body, the breath in the lungs, the wild joy of being alive without limit. I celebrate it as the birthright of every soul that walks beneath the sky."

1. How does each author's background influence their perspective on freedom?
2. Which passage relies more on **personal experience** and which on **celebration of ideals**? Explain.
3. Why might comparing two authors on the same theme deepen our understanding of literature?