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## Motives and Moments Answer Key

### Sample Responses

#### Stage 1 - Early Life in Slavery

- Traits: Curious, observant, innocent.
- Motivations: Understanding the world around him despite restrictions.
- Evidence: He wonders about his age and questions why enslaved people are denied this knowledge.

#### Stage 2 - Turning Points in Growth

- Traits: Determined, resilient, intelligent.
- Motivations: Desire for knowledge and dignity.
- Evidence: He learns to read from poor white boys and resists Mr. Covey's abuse, reclaiming his self-respect.

#### Stage 3 - Path to Freedom & Beyond

- Traits: Courageous, inspirational, outspoken.
- Motivations: Gaining freedom and helping others fight slavery.
- Evidence: He escapes disguised as a sailor and later speaks at abolitionist meetings, becoming a leader.

#### Sample Reflection (students' responses may vary):

I find the Turning Points stage most inspiring because Douglass transforms suffering into strength. His determination to learn even when forbidden shows the power of knowledge. It proves that education can be a weapon against injustice. His courage motivates me to persist in challenges.