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Letters Across Time Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

You may share this writing frame below with your students:

Greeting:

Paragraph 1: Describe one experience from Douglass's life and explain its lesson.

Paragraph 2: Connect that lesson to the reader's modern challenges, offering encouragement and wisdom.

Closing:

Signature: Frederick Douglass

(Sample Responses)

Note: Student letters will vary. Below are model examples to guide teachers in evaluating work.

Sample Letter to a Student

Dear Student,

When I was young, I was denied the simple right to learn. Yet I knew that knowledge was the pathway to freedom, and I taught myself to read in secret, sometimes with the help of kind boys in the street. My story proves that even when the world tries to hold you back, persistence in learning can change your life.

Today, you may face distractions, pressures, or doubts, but remember that education is still a powerful key. Use it not only for yourself but to help others who may not have the same opportunities. Stand firm, be curious, and never stop seeking truth.

Yours sincerely,

Frederick Douglass