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Literacy as Freedom Answer Key

Sample Responses

Matching

- A → 2 (Communities advocating for equal access to quality education)
B → 4 (Students discovering injustices through history or social studies classes)
C → 2 (also connects, but best match is empowering others → 2)
C → 2/3 acceptable (Teaching others parallels both education equality and activists spreading awareness)
D → 5 (Protesters standing up to oppressive systems despite dangers)
E → 3 (Activists writing blogs, articles, or books to raise awareness about inequality)

(Teachers may allow overlap for C since Douglass both taught directly and inspired activism through writing.)

Sample Short Response

Pairing Chosen: **A → 2**

Douglass risked punishment to learn in secret because he believed education was the path to freedom. Today, many communities still fight for equal access to schools, libraries, and technology. Both struggles show that literacy and education are not just about knowledge but about power and opportunity. The lesson we can take is that education must be protected as a basic right if equality is to be achieved.