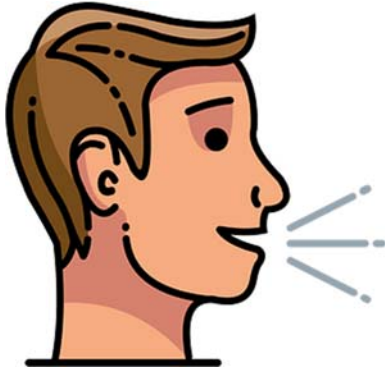


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Douglass Speaks

Directions: Below are **ten key quotations** from Douglass's narrative. **Match** each quotation (A-J) to the correct chapter number or theme (1-10).

Tip: Think about what Douglass emphasizes in each chapter: family separation, literacy, violence, resistance, or freedom.

- A. "I do not remember to have ever met a slave who could tell of his birthday."
- B. "It was the blood-stained gate, the entrance to the hell of slavery."
- C. "I have found that, to make a contented slave, it is necessary to make a thoughtless one."
- D. "The silver trump of freedom had roused my soul to eternal wakefulness."
- E. "Learning would spoil the best nigger in the world."
- F. "He was a cruel man, hardened by a long life of slaveholding."
- G. "I was broken in body, soul, and spirit."
- H. "My knowledge was now a torment, more than a blessing."
- I. "I would at times feel that learning to read had been a curse rather than a blessing."
- J. "I therefore hate the corrupt, slaveholding, women-whipping, cradle-plundering, partial and hypocritical Christianity of this land."

- 1. Chapter 1 - Identity and separation from mother → _____
- 2. Chapter 2 - First experiences of slavery's brutality → _____
- 3. Chapter 5-6 - Literacy begins → _____
- 4. Chapter 7 - Struggles of learning and reading → _____
- 5. Chapter 10 - Fight with Covey and turning point → _____
- 6. Chapter 11 - Freedom achieved → _____
- 7. Theme - Violence and cruelty of slavery → _____
- 8. Theme - Power of knowledge → _____
- 9. Theme - Religious hypocrisy → _____
- 10. Theme - Desire for freedom → _____