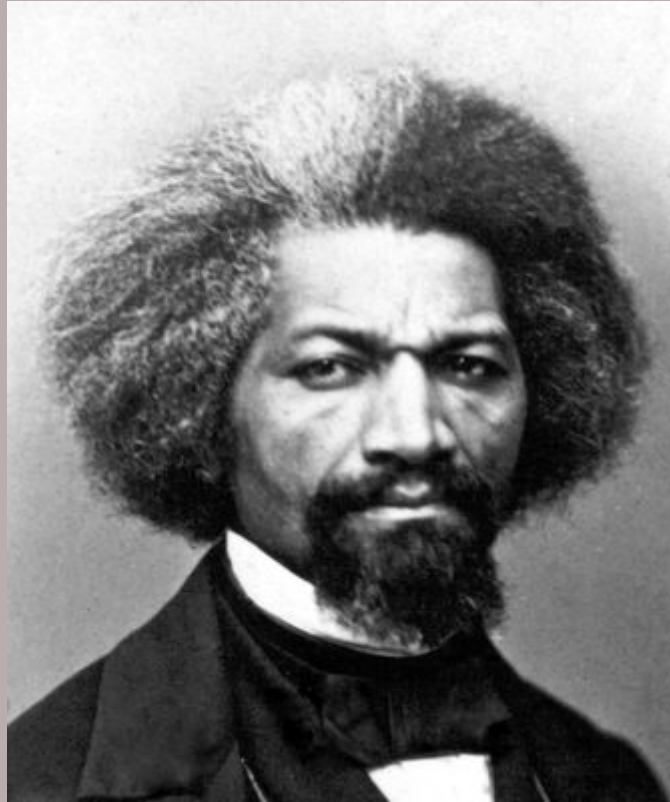


Fredrick Douglass' Fight Back!



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Fredrick A. Washington Bailey was born a slave on a farm in Maryland in 1818. His mother Harriet Bailey had also been a slave. when Fredrick was almost 1 year old he was separated from his mother forever.



For many years he was sent to be a slave for multiple masters until was sent to be a slave to Mr. and Mrs. Auld on their farm.



Ms. Auld had never owned a slave before so she didn't know how to treat Fredrick, over the months he spent with the Aulds ms. Auld had been teaching Fredrick his ABC's and how to read. one day Mr. Auld had found out what was happening he told Ms. Auld it was dangerous and against the law to teach slaves to read.



After Mr. Auld's discovery about Fredrick's learning, he rented out Fredrick to be a slave for Mr. Covey for one year.



Mr. Covey was known for breaking slaves. for the first 6 months of Fredrick's stay at Covey's, he broke Fredrick physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Mr. Covey had turned Fredrick into a brute.



Sunday was Fredrick's only time to rest from working all week. One Sunday morning, Fredrick as feeling sick, he crawled off of the property and under a tree to get some shade. Mr. Covey was told where Fredrick was, when Fredrick couldn't get up Covey gave him a savage kick to the side and told Fredrick to get up, he wasn't able to stand so Covey whipped Fredrick in the head. Covey left Fredrick to lie there in pain. 6



Fredrick got back to Covey's at about 9 o'clock and as Fredrick was walking back to Covey's Fredrick found Covey chasing him with his whip. Fredrick ran into the high corn field to lose Covey, after Covey lost interest Fredrick spent most of the day in the woods.



Fredrick ended up spending most of that day in the woods. During his time in the woods he met Sandy Jenkins, Sandy informed Fredrick that if he finds and holds on to a certain root he will never be whipped again.



Fredrick returned to Covey's once again and hid inside Covey's barn. The next morning Covey had been looking for Fredrick, Fredrick was surprised that when Covey found him Covey was mean or angry at all, he asked Fredrick politely to go and tend to the horses



The rest of that day went be pretty smoothly, the next morning he had been tending to the horses once again. Covey walked into the barn with a whip in his hand, as Fredrick started to walk out of the loft Covey grabbed his legs and fell to the floor. Covey tried to tie Fredrick up but Fredrick jumped up and startled Covey.



As Covey was struggling to hold Fredrick he called out to another slave, "Hughes! Help me hold him!" yelled. As Hughes tried to grab Fredrick, Fredrick kicked him away startling both Hughes and Covey. Fredrick and Covey ended up fighting for two hours until Covey surrendered.



Covey asked Fredrick, " Do you plan to continue to defy me?". Fredrick responded, " No, but if you try to whip me you will come off worse than before.". for the final six months at Covey's, he did not lay a hand on Fredrick, after that event Fredrick had still been a slave for four more years until he escaped slavery and became free.