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## **Summer Reading Assignment - Form IV U.S. History II**

**Assignment:** The incoming Form IV students will read Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, Written by Himself. (1845) The rather short work is divided into eleven chapters in which the author remembers his life as a slave and describes his hopes for eventual freedom.

**Requirement:** Write a ½ to 1 page summary for each chapter of the book (turn in 11 pages/stapled). It should be **handwritten on lined paper in black pen** (print or cursive), and must be readable to get a passing grade! Your summaries should include two kinds of information:

1. historical data (e.g., a basic timeline of names of relatives, owners, and other important individuals, along with significant moves, places lived and worked, levels of education, etc.).
2. the changing thoughts of Douglass about the institution of slavery as he ages, experiences cruelty and degradation, and longs for freedom.

**Completion & Assessment:** This summary will be due the first full day of classes in the fall. In addition, a quiz and/or a written evaluation will be required of each student in class. These two grades (summary & quiz) will open the Quarter 1 grading period in U.S. History for the fall semester.