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What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July?

READING FREDERICK DOUGLASS TOGETHER

**JOIN US FOR A PUBLIC READING
OF HIS FOURTH OF JULY ADDRESS.**

 **July 2, 12pm**

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Find out more about the Reading Frederick Douglass Together statewide collaboration at masshumanities.org

Good afternoon friends of ICEO,

Mass Humanities runs a program to encourage people to organize group readings, on or around the Fourth of July, of the landmark speech Frederick Douglass delivered on July 5, 1852 in Rochester, New York, to the Rochester Ladies Anti-Slavery Society, called "What, to the slave, is the fourth of July?".

Douglass escaped from slavery in 1838 and lived for many years in Massachusetts. He delivered the Fourth of July speech on July 5, 1852, in Rochester, New York, to the Rochester Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society. The most celebrated orator of his day, Douglass' powerful language, resolute denunciations of slavery, and forceful examination of the Constitution challenge us to think about the histories we tell, the values they teach, and if our actions match our aspirations. To quote Douglass, "We have to do with the past only as we can make it useful to the future."

- To find a local reading (or an online reading event that fits your schedule): <https://masshumanities.org/events/>
- To apply to officially host one of these readings (and apply for funding if necessary): <https://masshumanities.org/programs/douglass/>
- To print out the full speech, or a somewhat shortened version (to make the reading more manageable): <https://masshumanities.org/programs/douglass/douglass-resources/>

Thank you,

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