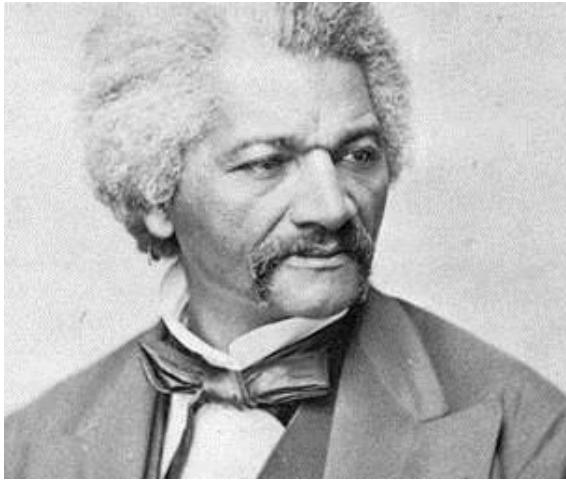


# *Student Essay Contest* **Agitate! The Legacy of Frederick Douglass and Abolition in Newark**



Rutgers-Newark, in partnership with  
The Newark Board of Education and  
The Newark Public Library  
present a Student Essay Contest  
celebrating the legacy of  
**Frederick Douglass**

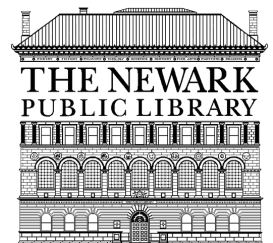
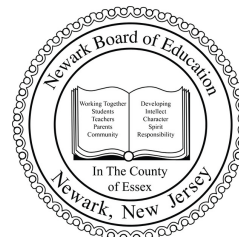
This April, The Rutgers University-Newark Chancellor, Nancy Cantor, and the entire Newark campus will commemorate the 170th anniversary of Frederick Douglass' visit to Newark. Many activities are planned including a performance by the New Jersey Symphony and a re-enactment of one of Mr. Douglass' speeches. Kenneth Morris, Jr., a great-great-great grandson of Frederick Douglass will be an honored guest.

**Students in Grades 6-12! Submit your essay today!**

**The essay contest will run from  
Wednesday, March 6th through Monday, March 25th.**

**Prizes will be awarded to First, Second & Third Place Essays.**

*\*Please see back of flyer for full contest guidelines and information*



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## Agitate! The Legacy of Frederick Douglass and Abolition in Newark

### Overview:

*Frederick Douglass was a formerly enslaved person who escaped and became a prominent activist, author and public speaker. In 1849, Mr. Douglass spoke at the First African Presbyterian Church, which was then on Plane Street, now University Avenue, where the Rutgers Athletic Field is located. Douglass often spoke about ways to improve the educational, political and economic status of African Americans.*

*Students are encouraged to visit their school library or The Newark Public Library to learn more about Frederick Douglass.*

### Students entering the contest are to answer one of two questions:

1. Identify and describe the actions of someone who is alive today who has the same vision for freedom and equality as Frederick Douglass.
2. If he were alive today, what injustices might Frederick Douglass oppose in 2019?

### Rules for Entry:

- Only students currently in grades 6 through 12 are eligible to participate.
- All essays must be handwritten or typed by the student.
- Essays should be between 250–500 words in length.
- Only one essay per student may be submitted.
- Each essay should include the student's name, grade level, school name, principal's name and teacher's name.

### Essays will be judged on the following criteria:

- Clear expression of ideas that are on topic
- Originality
- Organization
- Grammar/Spelling
- Neatness

