

GUIDELINES:

For this assignment you are to write a review of the *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave. Written by Himself*. Your review must answer the following question: *Is slavery a “positive good”?*

The review must adhere to the following guidelines:

- You must write it from the perspective of your assigned role (distributed in class during the week of November 5th). Your review must be consistent with your respective role’s background and views. The parts of the *Narrative* on which you choose to focus your review may be determined by the specific views and concerns of your role.
- In addition to a clear thesis statement that answers the question above, your introduction should briefly (one to two sentences) explain who you are
- You must also make use of the two speeches by John C. Calhoun in defense of slavery
- Your review must refer to at least three clear examples from the narrative and one from Calhoun’s speeches.
- Your conclusion must include a statement that addresses the following question: What, if anything, should Americans do about slavery?
- You should avoid using any direct quote (whether from Douglass or Calhoun) greater than two sentences in length.
- Citations should take the form of footnotes in the following format:
 - Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, page #. (if using the electronic version, then provide the chapter number. If you are using print edition other than the Dover Thrift Edition, then provide the publisher and the publication date.
 - John C. Calhoun, “Slavery as a Positive Good,” page #.
 - John C. Calhoun, “Speech of January 10, 1838,” page #.
- The review must be between 900 and 1,200 words. It must be typed using a 12-point font, double-spaced, with standard one-inch margins.

Slavery isn't a Positive Good

My name is William Lloyd Garrison, and I believe that slavery needs to be abolished immediately. I am a well-respected man of Boston and have led many strong movements with fellow Christians against slavery, especially with my newspaper the Liberator. This evil sin is not a positive good because of how hopelessly corrupt it is, as well as the ill full point that through being slaves these people have learned to be civil.

Firstly, I would like to state that without making this a political and a moral issue nothing will be accomplished. This is an unavoidable problem that Americans face. There can be no compromise can be provided.