

**Frederick Douglass Reflects on “The Meaning of July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Negro”**

**Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3YsMWLSyxY> (2017 4 mins)



**Set to his words and photos, James Earl Jones Reads reads from Frederick Douglass’s Historic Speech delivered on July 5, 1852, in Rochester, New York, “The Meaning of July Fourth for the Negro.”** He was addressing the Rochester Ladies Antislavery Society.

**Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuCeUyltpzE> (2021 2 mins)



**Daveed Diggs reads Frederick Douglass’s words to images of a racist America today.**

**Link:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prf5I0\\_R23s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prf5I0_R23s) (2021[8.5 mins])

**“The Life of Frederick Douglass” as narrated by his descendant. Brut America**

From the YouTube Description: [Douglass] was the first African American nominated for vice president of the United States. He escaped enslavement to become one of America's most prominent abolitionists, an advisor to Lincoln... This is the story of Frederick Douglass. Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives (FDI) is an Abolitionist and AntiRacist non-profit organization founded by direct descendants of Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington. Headquartered in Rochester, NY, FDI is focused on the struggle for racial equity and an end to human exploitation. For more information visit: [www.fdfi.org](http://www.fdfi.org)

**What To The Slave Is The Fourth Of July?: Descendants Read Frederick Douglass' Speech | NPR (648) ‘What To The Slave Is The Fourth Of July?’: Descendants Read Frederick Douglass' Speech | NPR - YouTube** (July 3, 2020 [7 mins])

Featuring: Douglass Washington Morris II, 20 (he/him) Isidore Dharma Douglass Skinner, 15 (they/their) Zoë Douglass Skinner, 12 (she/her) Alexa Anne Watson, 19 (she/her) Haley Rose Watson, 17 (she/her) You can read the full text of “What To The Slave

**Additional Resources:**

[“What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?” | Teaching American History](#) (full text of the speech)

[\(648\) "Hamilton" star Daveed Diggs on new video questioning the meaning of July 4 for Black Americans - YouTube](#) CBS This Morning (2021 [6 mins])

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kByK5SnG10Y> (2019 [26 mins])



**Frederick Douglass and Rochester, NY and the preservation of his photo and story. GREAT great great grandson.**