

FREDERICK DOUGLASS'S NARRATIVE: AN ACCOUNT OF THE SLAVE SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

Fredrick Douglass's Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, Written by Himself stood apart as a piece of writing in English literature which laid bare to the reader the psychosomatic perspective of the institution of slavery. It gave a first-hand account of this exploitative and degenerative system that reduced humans to animals and denied them something as simple as familial bonds. This paper attempted to look at this memoir to examine how Douglass through his Narrative chose to look back at his experience of slavery, succeeded in generalizing his experience for all black slaves and underlined its impact on the psyche, while at the same time maintained a recounting devoid of emotional excesses.

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