

INSPIRING CHANGE

LESSON 1
AMPLIFIED
HANDOUT

“If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to freedom and yet deprecate agitation are men who want crops without plowing. They want rain without thunder and lightening. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its mighty waters. This struggle may be a moral one, or it may be physical, but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will.”

-- Frederick Douglass

In your Reader's/Writer's Notebooks, please do the following. You may do as much as you can individually, then work with a partner:

1. Identify the cognates in the passage. (cognate list)
2. If you are unfamiliar with these words (*struggle*, *freedom*, and *power*), look them up in the dictionary. Discuss these definitions with your partner. (vocabulary log)
3. Notice the repeated words in italics in lines 2 through 4. What do they mean in the sentence? Why are those repeated words important to the quotation?
4. Comment on whether you agree or disagree with what is said.

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