Fitzgerald

Key Ideas Shared in Class discussion of primary source document on slavery:

excerpt from *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*

* Surprising that Mrs. Auld would help him
  + policy - illegal to educate slaves
  + she had to know it was
* Reasons she might have helped him
  + servant - in the house, so she would see him, but she wouldn't see field slaves
    - made handsome/beautiful , mixed race people servant - shows off their wealth
    - handsome and intelligent - maybe his potential as an adult was obvious even when he was a kid
  + mixed race - maybe she was related to him or her husband was, so she wanted to help him more
* Mixed race - maybe Mr. Auld was related to him and so was worried about him, not angry
  + an education would make him unhappy - wanted him to accept that he is a slave
  + didn't want him to runaway - it was dangerous - chased and attacked by dogs, whipped, branded
  + slaves known to have become educated sold into the deep South - he would be separated from Mr. and Mrs. Auld
* "Knowledge is Power."
  + This was said by Adolf Hitler.
  + The Nazis also controlled education, and so did Emperor Qin.
  + Uneducated people easier to control.
  + F. Douglass heard Mr. Auld say that lack of education is what allowed Whites to control slaves, which is what drives him to educate himself.
  + said he had Mr. Auld to thank for becoming educated even more then Mrs. Auld.