

## *Ashland English 100 Essay #5*

### **Douglass and Corcoran on Learning to Read**

Begin by reading Douglass and Corcoran on Learning to Read (available through Blackboard).

#### **Your Writing Task**

Douglass and Corcoran both faced enormous obstacles to literacy. Learning to read was not automatic for them, yet they both did learn to read. What did they have in common? What can you learn from their quest that you can apply to your own education?

#### **Mechanical Details**

**Length:** Minimum 980 words not counting title, your name, etc. That's about a three-page paper. There is no maximum, but try to keep it under 1400. Papers significantly under the minimum (90% or less) will not receive the best possible grade.

**Format:** Standard MLA format. (12-point Times Roman type, double-spaced, 1" margin all around, MLA header.)

#### ***Submitting the paper:***

- This paper will be submitted electronically through Blackboard. Instructions are available on the Blackboard website for this course.

#### **Due Date**

- **Final copy:** Friday, December 6, 2019. **Late papers will not be accepted!**

This essay is worth 75 points.