

## Narrative Life of Frederick Douglass Inference Assessment

An American Slave

*Written by Himself*

Read the following excerpt. The sentence that is bold and italicized is the sentence that is to be used to answer the first essential question in the box.

### Assessment Excerpt

The louder she screamed, the harder he whipped; and where the blood ran fastest, there he whipped longest. He would whip her to make her scream, and whip her to make her hush; and not until overcome by fatigue, would he cease to swing the blood-clotted cowskin. I remember the first time I ever witnessed this horrible exhibition. I was quite a child, but I well remember it. I never shall forget it whilst I remember any thing. It was the first of a long series of such outrages, of which I was doomed to be a witness and a participant. It struck me with awful force. ***It was the blood-stained gate, the entrance to the hell of slavery, through which I was about to pass.*** It was a most terrible spectacle. I wish I could commit to paper the feelings with which I beheld it.

1. How did Frederick Douglass feel about being a slave? How can you infer that?
2. that is not written in the text? What is in the text that helps you to infer that?