

## Pelgrim's Rest Freedom News

### A Story About Slavery

As a child I was told by my ~~mother~~ <sup>great-great</sup> grandmother about slavery. The day that she was sold into slavery she was out in the fields working. A man from Texas came by and asked her boss what he would take for that "old nigger woman. She looks like a good worker." The boss said, "She is." The man that wanted to buy her said, "I want to get a few younguns from her." Before the day came to auction her off, her mother told her to be good and that God would bless her. When the day came for the auction, she was the third one to be sold. She was sold to a slave owner from North Carolina. Later she was sold again to a man from Mississippi.

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The struggle for Freedom involves great risks. One of these risks, for students, is expulsion from school. The students were asked to defend their participation in a FS if they were dismissed for that reason from public school.

Dear Mr. \_\_\_\_\_,

When school started back for another session you sent a message out saying that you wanted us at the Office. When we arrived there you told us that you had heard that we had been attending a FS. You said that



we didn't know what we were doing. You said that you were going to punish us. Why would you want to punish us for ~~the~~ something that we haven't done at the school which you are a principal at. If you were the principal of this school I feel that you would have had a right to punish us. You said that we were getting enough learning. I wouldn't think so. The children in the N learn more than the children in the South because they have better textbooks. It couldn't be possible that we learn enough, because we don't have good enough textbooks. I feel that you treated us wrong.

L.C., Age 15

Dear Principal,

I am writing you to let you know how disappointed I am in your expelling me from school and for the reason you expelled me.

It is not a question of what I learn, it is a question of what I am taught. You and I both know that Negroes in the South are not being taught what they should be taught. We know that they are only being taught what the white man wants them to learn. So if a N in the South wants to get a good education, he or she cannot. So, you see, I went to the F.S. to learn more about myself and the world so I can prepare myself

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for my future life. I think you would agree w me if you had gone.

By Oscar, Age 17

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