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## FREDERICK DOUGLASS

The landmark that I selected to use for my mid term assignment is located on the campus of Morgan State University. Morgan is located at the corner of Cold Spring Lane and Hillen Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21239. The landmark stands between the D.O.W. Holmes Hall and the Morris A. Soper Library on Morgan's campus.

This landmark is an eight foot-four inch, bronze statue of Frederick Douglass.

Records indicate that the idea of constructing a statue of Frederick Douglass was first conceived in 1943. This idea was presented to the Maryland Educational Association, which at that time, was the only teacher's association for Blacks.

This association made an appeal to public school children to raise the funds needed to construct the statue. Pennies and dimes were donated by schools, parent teacher's associations, clubs and interested individuals. The association finally reached their goal of \$10,000.00.

In 1953, the Maryland Educational Association commissioned Mr. James E. Lewis to do the statue of Frederick Douglass. At that time, Mr. Lewis was an Associate Professor and a Department Head at Morgan State University.

The bronze statue of Frederick Douglass was unveiled on October 20, 1956 on Morgan's Campus.

"The completed work shows a mature Douglass, walking briskly forward, the wind rippling his frock coat and long hair. His eyes, perhaps the most remarkable feature of the statue, look ahead with determination. In his hand, Douglass carries the cane given to him by Lincoln's widow."

This landmark symbolizes the determination of blacks to become free and equal members of society. Frederick Douglass was born a slave. His master's wife taught him to read. Mr. Douglass climbed from the status of slave to the position of Presidential Advisor and Ambassador.

The statue and its surrounding area is cared for and protected by the staff at Morgan State University.

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