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“Frederick Douglass” by Robert Hayden

LIBERTY

Hayden uses all of the following terms to describe liberty. Think of at least two examples for each (from your own experiences) that show how liberty can be terrible, beautiful, and useful.

TERRIBLE	BEAUTIFUL	USEFUL

Hayden says that freedom is “the gaudy mumbo jumbo of politicians.” What might he mean by this? What is he implying politicians do or don’t care about?

When Hayden discusses how Douglass will be remembered, he says “not with statues’ rhetoric, / not with legends and poems and wreaths of bronze alone, / but with the lives grown out of his life, the lives / fleshing his dream of the beautiful, needful thing.”

a. What does he mean when he says “the lives grown out of his life”? Who might that line be talking about?

b. Which memorial do you think is more powerful: the legends, poems, and wreaths, or the lives grown out of his life? Why?