Douglass Portfolio

Please read Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave and answer the following questions.

1. Please briefly outline the history of slavery in America? (How did it start, develop and was ended? etc.)

2. What’s the justification of slavery for the white Americans? What were the pro-slavery arguments?

3. What does slave narratives refer to? What are the common characteristics of slave narratives?

4. Why did mulattos have a harder life compared to black slaves according to Frederick Douglass’ narrative?

5. What do slaveholders think about slaves learning to read and write?

6. What does Frederick Douglass mean by “you shall see how a slave was made a man again” (page 93)?

7. Why, do you think, it is important to record the lives of slaves?

8. What can we find in Douglass’ narrative about women and children?