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Topic: The Douglass Memorial

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1. Which of the following statements about the Douglass Memorial statue is false: \_\_ The statue shows Douglass giving a speech about the passage of the 15th Amendment \_\_ The statue lacks a pedestal, positioning Douglass at ground level \_\_ The statue was dedicated after his death
2. Select one inscription from the statue base and explain its significance:

Answers:

Q1 – The false statement is “The statue lacks a pedestal, positioning Douglass at ground level.” When revealing this answer to students, consider adding a comment about the relevance of pedestals in statuary at the time the statue was cast. The elevation is a sign of honor and respect.

Q2 – Students may select any of the four inscriptions and have a number of thoughtful responses to this prompt. Some could include:

* South Side: The statue is inscribed with Douglass’ name – standing alone to both identify the subject but also to highlight his greatness (name alone is meaningful).
* North Side: The statue is inscribed with famous lines from Douglass’ speeches emphasizing the power of one individual, the power of the will of the American people, and basic human rights.
* West Side: Inscription celebrates the elimination of slavery in the British West Indies, emphasizing that a nation’s greatness comes from its treatment of its citizens.
* East Side: Inscription is from Douglass’ speech on the Dred Scott decision in which he voices his faith in America and hope, despite the setback that decision represented, that America would rectify the wrongs of slavery.