



### “Who are my favorite authors?”

Among the poets, Shakespeare, Byron, Burns, Bryant,  
Whittier and Longfellow;  
among prose writers, [Victor] Hugo,  
especially ‘Les Miserables’ and ‘The Toilers of the Sea;’  
the works of Sir Walter Scott, especially ‘Ivanhoe;’  
Charlotte Bronte and Alexandre Dumas, especially  
‘The Musketeer’ and the ‘Count of Monte Cristo.’  
I have a French edition of the latter, in three volumes,  
which I very much prize.

I regard Theodore Weld’s ‘Slavery As It Is’ as the most  
powerful work of its kind written in the anti-slavery cause.  
Of course, I also read those things of current literature of  
contemporaneous interest and the standard authors in  
history and social and political science,  
Oh, yes; I find plenty to occupy my time. ”

—Frederick Douglass, 1892

