

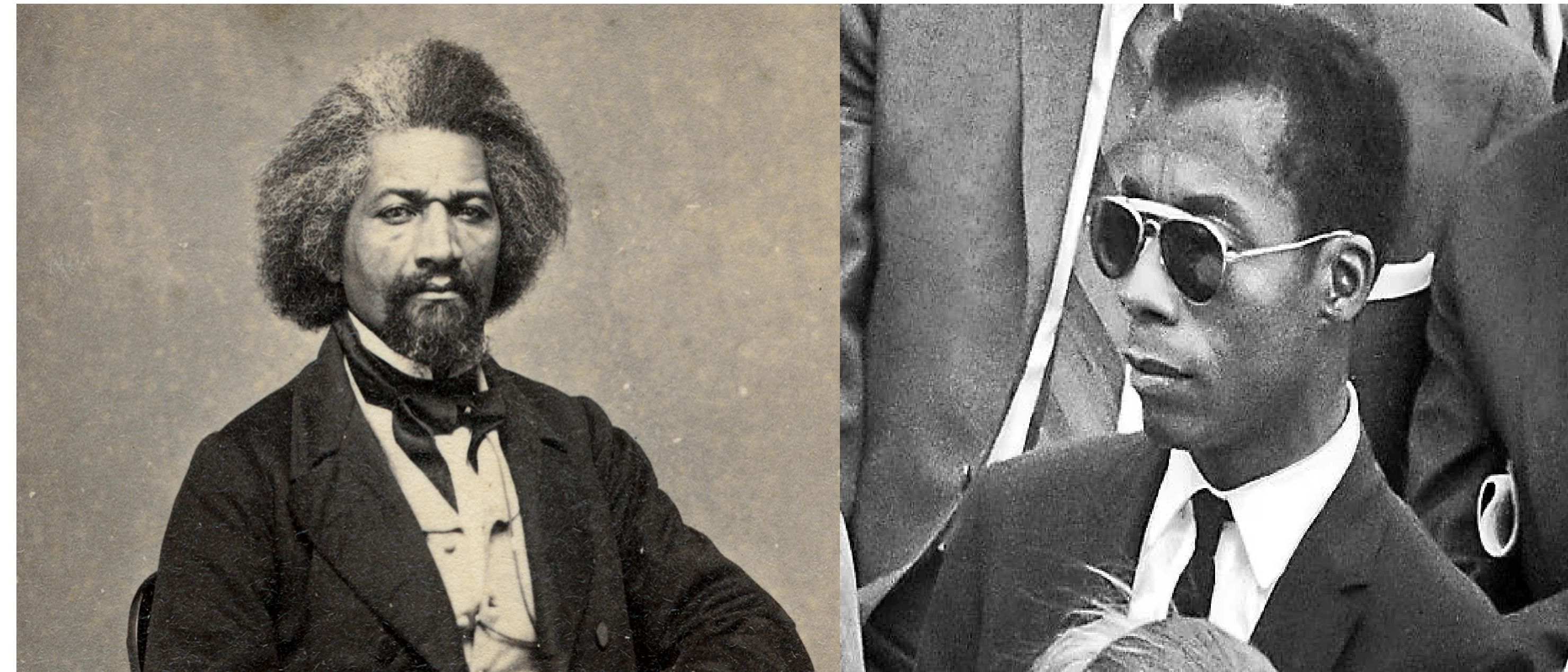
Pressure of civil discourse

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Democracy Reflection

James Baldwin was a man of color who did not get a formal education. However he believed education was the key to revolutionary change, it liberates and reconstructs which encourages people to participate in society "When he is in school-before he discovers the shape of his oppression" (Baldwin, 342). Education teaches you to learn about the oppressed and how they are being oppressed. Education is a process and experience. While schooling is an institution. (De Leon, lecture). Which shows why education is superior in participating in good social change in society.

However Fredrick Douglas, a former enslave who did not have a formal education, spoke on the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In which Douglas advocated who is really able to participate. What was the 4th of July to the American slave and how it was still an ongoing situation people of color were undergoing



Pillar Reflection

The purpose of education affects how one can participate in society. Fredrick Douglass master believed if a person of color learns to read they would be seen as "spoiled." Once a person of color is educated they learn the treatment of their master is wrong. (Baldwin, 344) which further evaluates the ideas of education has changed over change.

Civic Engagement

Participation is being able to contribute to one's community. However, advocating support in a community by acknowledging values of people but your own also. For example, Cesar Chavez advocated for farm works "people like me had to develop the skills it would take to organize, to educate, to help empower the Chicano people" (Chavez,353). Furthermore evaluating the participation the most vulnerable citizens whose voice is now heard due to people like Cesar Chavez who gave a voice to so many people allowing everyone to participate.

Program Reflection

My experience at K4F being able to join a new environment has taught me the open-mindedness and overall love for education I have never experience before. Making new friends and meeting people who value their education but also value their own notion makes me have hope for humanity. This program has taught me community. For instance these amazing friends I made challenged me to get out of my shell and push me to pursue my ideals, while also having fun like going swimming, playing basketball and eating lunch together and just learning the backgrounds of others around me has helped my grow as an individual.

