**What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?**

1. How and why does Douglass use rhetorical questions in the speech (even in the title)?
2. How would you characterize Douglass’s audience for the speech? Who are they? What kind of political views do you think they have? Will he have trouble with arguing his side to this audience?
3. What images and particular word choices (diction) suggest Douglass’s state of mind while he delivers his speech?
4. What is Douglass’s purpose in suggesting that he is not making an argument?
5. How does Douglass expose irony in the Fourth of July celebration?
6. What would you say is Douglass’s tone (attitude toward the subject [Independence Day Celebration])? Give an example showing tone from the text.
7. What does Douglass suggest about American Hypocrisy?

Douglass was a strong supporter of women’s rights as well. How does this speech suggest why he might have been such an advocate for women?