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Slave Narrative: an autobiographical narrative written by a former African American slave that recounts his/her life as a slave and how he/she managed to escape.
I have already acquainted the reader with the time and place of my birth. My father, besides many slaves, had a numerous family, of which seven lived to grow up, including myself and a sister, who was the only daughter. As I was the youngest of the sons, I became, of course, the greatest favourite with my mother, and Was always with her; and she used to take particular pains to form my mind.
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