Malcolm X and Fredrick Douglass

[Name of the Writer]

[Name of the Institution]

Malcolm X and Fredrick Douglass

**Introduction**

Slavery has always been a historical flaw in the history of the United States. Significant people have come and gone during the period of slavery who have made a tremendous change in abolishing slavery and eliminating injustice. This essay would compare and contrast these two famously known activists Malcolm X and Fredrick Douglass who dealt with extreme oppression from the white race. Knowledge has always been a weapon against slavery, and these two have exemplified their learning and writing process in their excerpts. Elements of literacy have still held value for both slaves during the time.

**Discussion**

**Identification**

The common thing about both men was that they both wanted to abolish and eliminate slavery by creating awareness and learning knowledge. Unlike Frederick, Malcolm received a formal education, but it was limited. However, the similar characteristics between both the activists were that they both had to read and write under their guidance. Malcolm learned most of his skills during his time in prison where he familiarized himself with some complex words. Whereas Frederick received a bit of education from one of his mistresses while he had to piece together the rest of the elements from outside sources. Both men struggled equally in the pursuit of knowledge. They used their power of literacy to strike a defiant tone towards the white society who apprehended them as slaves at the time. Both of the men condemned slavery and considered it as a “fatal poison.” Similarly, their legacies were forged because of their tone towards injustice.

**Conclusion**

The aforementioned summary based on a comparison and contrast of the two activists analyzes their characteristics and lives. While fighting slavery and befriending knowledge, their road towards condemning slavery has been tough and rebolting. Both men are equally unapologetic about their approaches in life as they went through experiencing bondage under the white race.

Venn Diagram

Fredrick Douglass Malcolm X