

THINKING QUESTION

During the Civil War, Frederick Douglas said these words:

“Once let the black man get upon his person the brass letters, U.S., let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder and bullets in his pockets, and there is no power on Earth which can deny that he has earned the right to citizenship in the United States.”

How do you think this quote applies to African Americans that have fought for the freedom of the United States? Explain what Frederick Douglas meant and why you think he felt this way.