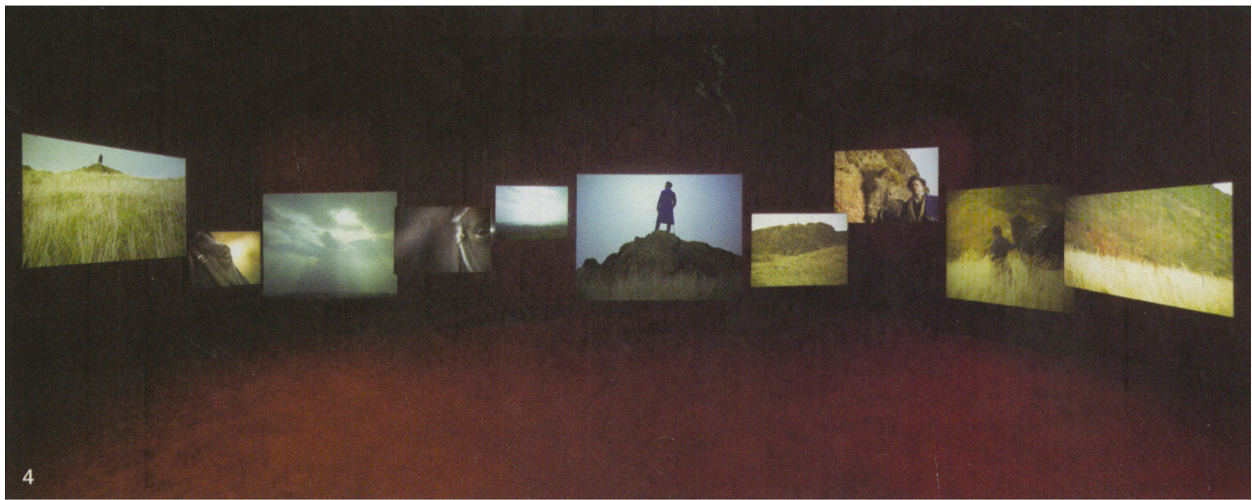


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**ISAAC JULIEN (METRO PICTURES, NEW YORK)** Julien's video installation *Lessons of the Hour* is a lush period piece exploded across ten screens. Excerpts of speeches written by Frederick Douglass, the once-enslaved abolitionist philosopher—brought to life through reenactments and juxtaposed with static shots of haunted landscape—are more riveting than a plotline.