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**Grade level:** 5

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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the document located below while answering the questions below in order. These questions will prepare students to think critically when observing primary source documents, particularly photographs.

### **Level I: Description**

1. What is the purpose of the 1829 bulletin?
2. What do you notice about the items to be sold?
3. What does the writer of the bulletin want everyone to know about slaves to be sold?

### **Level II: Interpretation**

1. Why does the author describe the slaves' former jobs?
2. What do you think the author wants us to think about the people to be sold? How do you know?

### **Level III: Analysis**

1. How do you think citizens reacted to this bulletin?
2. What does this bulletin tell you about the United States in 1829?
3. Describe the atmosphere at this sale from two different points of view.

**TO BE SOLD & LET  
BY PUBLIC AUCTION,  
On MONDAY the 18<sup>th</sup> of MAY, 1829,  
UNDER THE TREES.**

**FOR SALE,  
THE THREE FOLLOWING  
SLAVES,**

*VIZ.*  
**HANNIBAL**, about 30 Years old, an excellent House Servant, of Good Character.  
**WILLIAM**, about 25 Years old, a Labourer.  
**NANCY**, an excellent House Servant and Nurse.

The MEN Belonging to "LESCHE'S" House and the WOMAN to Mrs. D. SMYTH.

**TO BE LET,**  
On the usual conditions of the Hirer finding them in Food, Clothing and Medical Attendance,  
THE FOLLOWING

**MALE and FEMALE  
SLAVES,**

*OF GOOD CHARACTERS.*  
**ROBERT BAGLEY**, about 20 Years old, a good House Servant.  
**WILLIAM BAGLEY**, about 18 Years old, a Labourer.  
**JOHN ARMS**, about 18 Years old.  
**JACK ANTONIA**, about 40 Years old, a Labourer.  
**PHILIP**, an Excellent Fisherman.  
**HARRY**, about 27 Years old, a good House Servant.  
**LUCY**, a Young Woman of good Character, used to House Work and the Nursery.  
**ELIZA**, an Excellent Washerwoman.  
**CLARA**, an Excellent Washerwoman.  
**FANNY**, about 14 Years old, House Servant.  
**SARAH**, about 14 Years old, House Servant.

*Also for Sale, at Eleven o'Clock,*

**Fine Rice, Gram, Paddy, Books, Muslins,  
Needles, Pins, Ribbons, &c. &c.**

**AT ONE O'CLOCK, THAT CELEBRATED ENGLISH HORSE**

**BLUCHER,**