

**Letter from person involved in Austin Steward's life to Austin Steward**

Directions:

- 1) From the list generated choose a person involved in Austin Steward's life.  
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- 2) Compose a letter from that person's point of view to Austin Steward explaining their position. Such as Mr. Moore explaining that Steward is technically free according to New York state law, or Mr. Tower explaining that he can no longer afford to keep him since he is hurt and unable to work.
- 3) Self-edit your letter then trade with another student to have them read and assist with revising and editing.
- 4) Conference with Mrs. Brown to for final revisions and editing.
- 5) Compose final draft of letter.
- 6) Extra credit – Create an illustration of your person based on what you know about them from your reading of Austin Steward's narrative.



4) Education was denied to most slaves, does it surprise you that Austin Steward was able to write such a descriptive account of his experiences? Why or why not?

5) Why is it important to study history using primary sources?