

Primary Source Activity 3

Core Theme: Peopling the New World: African American History

Source Analysis Focus: Point of View

Due: March 17

For this assignment, take two primary sources related to the theme of African American history, and develop an activity that will guide students in analyzing sources for point of view.

Topic: The specific subject of our February Seminar on the Core Theme is the Atlantic Slave Trade. Your Primary Source Activity should relate to the theme in general, and it should be something you will be able to use with your students.

Examples: The Slave Trade
 The Life of Slaves in the Colonial Period
 Slave Life in the Cotton Era South
 Escape from Slavery
 Debates about slavery

Depending on the subject you teach, the theme can be interpreted broadly. If you have questions ask Stuart.

Primary Source: The resources you receive from *Connecting to the Past* are the best place to start.

- The February Seminar resource CD that contains resources specifically related to the Core Theme.
- Quality web resources linked on the resource CDs and the *Connecting to the Past* website.
- Books containing primary sources you have received.

Choose two primary sources that will help students recognize that sources reflect the points of view of their creators.

Primary Source Activity:

1. Provide a method for getting students to look closely at the sources and look for the point of view of each. For example, develop Spiral Questions or a Document Analysis worksheet.
2. Provide a method for students to evaluate how the points of view of the sources effect their usefulness for understanding the past.
3. Indicate on your Activity plan some of the points you expect students to develop.

Format: Use the “Creating Primary Source Activities: Format Instructions” handout as your model for the format.