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Grade level: 8

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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the broadside located at the above link while answering the questions below in order. The questions are designed to guide students into a deeper analysis of the source and sharpen associated cognitive skills.

Level I: Description

1. When was this broadside printed?
2. What event is the broadside telling us about?

Level II: Interpretation

1. Who do you think the audience is, for this broadside?
2. What do you notice about who is writing the article?

Level III: Analysis

1. How do you think the people of Preble County reacted to this broadside?
2. What exactly is the celebration about, emancipation or freedom?

EMANCIPATION 1862. CELEBRATION! 1881.

The Colored people of Preble County, recognizing the blessings of Liberty, will celebrate the 18th anniversary of their deliverance from bondage,

IN EATON,
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22d, 1881,
AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

Prominent speakers will address the people at Court House Park, at 2 o'clock, P.M. Among those certain to be present is that popular orator,

Rev. W. F. Arnett,
Of Nashville, Ten.

Mr. ARNETT, on this occasion, will give some reasons why he is a Republican; and while he believes every man should be fully persuaded in his own mind, he feels it his duty to persuade all men to vote the Republican ticket, at least until the party shows a disposition to go back on its former record for honesty of purpose to do justice to the Black as well as to the White man.

Everybody, males, females & children, who are in sympathy with the spirit of the Emancipation Proclamation, are cordially invited to be present on this occasion. Something will be said and done to interest you all; if you do not like the speaking you can eat Ice Cream and drink Lemonade. LET EVERYBODY COME.

September 19, '81.

By order of **COLORED CITIZENS.**