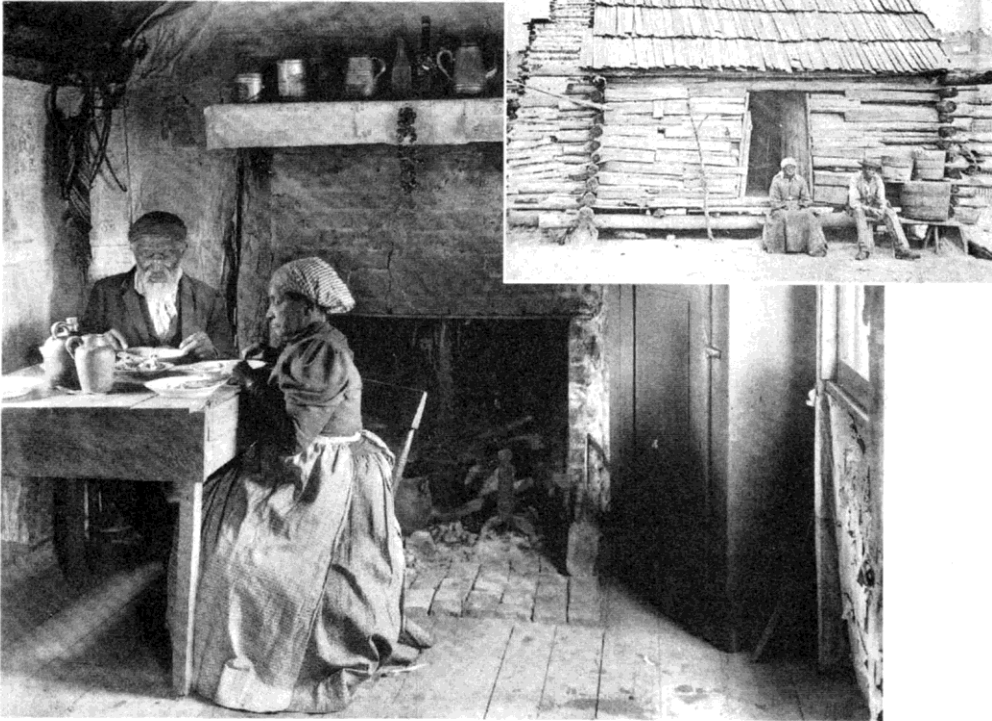


Spiral Questions Activity



Slave Cabins

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Within your small group discuss and answer the following questions after viewing the attached photographs. Each student must complete this assignment. Be ready to discuss as a class.

Before the civil war, southern enslaved people lived in family units. One or two-room cabins located in the slave quarters usually housed one family each. Here in the small cramped indoor spaces, in the yards surrounding each cabin, and in the unpaved lanes, slave families tried to fashion a private life for themselves that allowed each member to be more than a slave.

**Level 1: Description**

1. What pieces of furniture do you see in the slaves' cabin? What material is used to construct the furniture?

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2. What materials are used to construct the exterior (outside) of the slaves' cabin in the photographs?

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3. What is covering the walls of the cabin? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Approximately what year do you think these photos may have been taken? \_\_\_\_\_

**Level II: Interpretation**

5. What comforts do you observe in the interior (inside) photograph?  
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6. How do you suppose the enslaved couple in the interior photo prepare their meals?  
Approximately how long would it take to prepare a meal?  
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7. What type of foods do you think slaves received in their weekly allotments or rations? List these foods.  
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**Level III: Analysis:**

8. From viewing the interior and exterior of a typical slave cabin, do slaves have a comfortable life when not working for their masters? What evidence supports your conclusion?  
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9. Why do you suppose this picture was taken? Explain.  
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