

Section 5: Abolition and Complicity, 1827-1865

Introduction: New York State and Slavery: Complicity and Resistance, 1827-1865

Lesson Plans

Activity Sheets

1. William Cullen Bryant, Poet and Publisher
2. David Ruggles Replies to an Anti-Abolitionist
3. The New York City “Abolitionist” Riot
4. William Seward Denounces the Compromise of 1850 and the Slave System
5. Samuel J. May, New York Merchants vs. the Abolitionists
6. Prejudice within the Abolitionist Movement
7. President Martin Van Buren: Man of Contradiction or Political Chameleon?
8. Amistad
9. Lewis Tappan and the Amistad Case
10. Reverend Garnet Supports Rebellion
11. Solomon Northup’s Enslavement
12. The Relationship between Gerrit Smith and John Brown
13. Frederick Douglass Denounces Jim Crow
14. Brooklyn Minister Discusses Resistance to Slavery
15. Resistance to Fugitive Slave Laws in Upstate New York
16. Reverend Loguen Denounces the Fugitive Slave Law
17. Christianna, Pennsylvania “Outrage” Described in *The New York Times*, September, 1851
18. The Jerry Rescue, Syracuse, NY
19. Rev. James W. C. Pennington Denounces Colonization in Albany Speech
20. Frederick Douglass Discusses the Meaning of the Fourth of July
21. Solomon Northup’s Wife Petitions for his Freedom
22. Chester Arthur and the Lemmon Case
23. Harriet Jacobs, Letter From A Fugitive Slave
24. Archbishop Hughes Defends the Slave Trade
25. Elizabeth Jennings: New York City’s Nineteenth Century Rosa Parks
26. *The Albany Evening News* responds to the Dred Scott Decision
27. Captain James Smith Describes the Atlantic Slave Trade
28. Horace Greeley Denounces New York City Merchants
29. Incident in Troy, New York
30. John Brown, Martyr or Religious Fanatic? Freedom fighter or traitor and terrorist?
31. Tammany Hall on the Cuban Question
32. Africans of the Slave Bark Wildfire
33. Elizabeth Cady Stanton: Abolitionist and Advocate for Women’s Rights
34. Message of New York City Mayor Fernando Wood Supporting Secession
35. William Brown Demands the Right to Fight the South
36. Horace Greeley and the Debate over Emancipation
37. William H. Carney, Sergeant Company C, 54th Massachusetts, Volunteers
38. Samuel F. B. Morse Advocates for Slavery
39. The Miscegenation Hoax
40. Debate Over the Anti-Slavery Constitutional Amendment
41. Preston King: A New York State Political Leader Who took a Stand Against Slavery
42. 19th Century Resistance to Slavery in Upstate New York
43. An Old Merchant’s Death

44. Northern Companies with Ties to the Slave System

Narratives

1. Isabella Van Wagener, also known as Sojourner Truth
2. Life of Reverend Thomas James, By Himself
3. Solomon Northup's Odyssey
4. Events in the History of James W. C. Pennington
5. Harriet Jacobs, Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl
6. Samuel Ringgold Ward, Autobiography of a Fugitive Negro
7. Narrative of the Life of James Banks, an Escaped Slave
8. Narrative of William W. Brown, an American Slave
9. Life And Times Of Frederick Douglass, Written By Himself
10. Jermain Loguen and the Underground Railroad in Syracuse, New York
11. Excerpts from the Cuban Travel Diary of Joseph J. Dimock
12. William Cullen Bryant Describes Slavery and the Slave Trade in Cuba

Additional Documents Available on the Internet

- 1829. Militant Pamphlet by Robert Alexander Young
- 1831. Denouncing Colonization
- 1831. The African Sentinel and Journal of Liberty
- 1834. William Hamilton's Speech at the Fourth Annual National Negro Convention
- 1834. Garrison Literary and Benevolent Association
- 1834. The Rev. Peter Williams Resigns
- 1837. Political And Civil Rights
- 1837. Weekly Advocate
- 1837. Mass Meeting in New York City
- 1838. Thomas Van Renselaer Resists Jim Crow
- 1840. New York State Convention of Negroes
- 1840. New York State Anti-Kidnapping Law
- 1840. Steward and Garnet debate Citizenship Rights
- 1841. Association of Colored Teachers
- 1842. Reparations: Clues from the Dust-Bin of History
- 1843. Garnet On Patronizing Friends
- 1844. Fifth Annual Convention of New York Negroes
- 1844. James McCune Smith Protests Against Racism
- 1845. A Letter from Frederick Douglass to Thurlow Weed
- 1846. Gerrit Smith's Vote plan
- 1846. New York State Convention debates Suffrage
- 1847. Frederick Douglass and North Star
- 1849. Frederick Douglass and Henry Garnet Debate Strategy
- 1850. Frederick Douglass Discusses Slavery
- 1850. The Fugitive Slave Bill:Its history And Unconstitutionality
- 1852-1854. New York Times Cuba Slave Sources
- 1852. Decision in Appeal of the Lemmon Case
- 1852. Trial of Henry W. Allen, U.S. Deputy Marshal, for Kidnapping in Syracuse
- 1852. Helping Fugitive Slaves Settle in New York
- 1853. National Convention of the free people of color of the United States
- 1853. Narrative of the Seizure and Recovery of Solomon Northrup
- 1854. Trial and Conviction of the Master of an African Slaver
- 1855. Anthony Burns tells his Story
- 1855. Dr. James McCune Smith Calls on African Americans to Join the Battle for Civil Rights

1856. Schuylkill, NY 1856. Rev. Pennington's Resistance to Streetcar Segregation 1857-1876 . Output of Brooklyn Sugar Refiners 1857. New York's Blacks Appeal For Better Schools 1858. Supporting the New Republican Party 1859. Dimock Describes Slavery in Cuba 1859. Frederick Douglass Describes the Life of a Negro Tailor 1859. New York Banks and Slavery 1859. Editorial from the Anglo African 1859. Arrival of John Brown's Remains at Troy 1859. John Brown Writes to the <i>New York Tribune</i> from Kansas 1860. Robert Purvis on American "Democracy" and the Negro, 1860 1860. Volunteer Democratic Association of New York 1860. New York Merchants Discuss Abraham Lincoln 1860. Slave Rescue at Troy, New York 1861. George Fitzhugh on the Republic of New York 1861. Letter to Jefferson Davis on NYC 1861. New York City Merchants Demand Compromise with the South 1862. Reply to Lincoln's Colonization Plans 1862. The Execution of Gordon, The Slave-Trader, Harpers 1863. Sugar Leaving the Port of New York 1864. The Syracuse National Negro Convention 1864. Appeal from Executive Board National Equal Rights League 1874. Obituary: Mayor William F. Havemeyer	
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