

Using Advertisements to Explore Slavery and Resistance in Canada

Title: Using Advertisements to Explore Slavery and Resistance in Canada

Subtitle: Historical Inquiry, Text Analysis/Reading/Writing

Duration: 2 - 3 classes

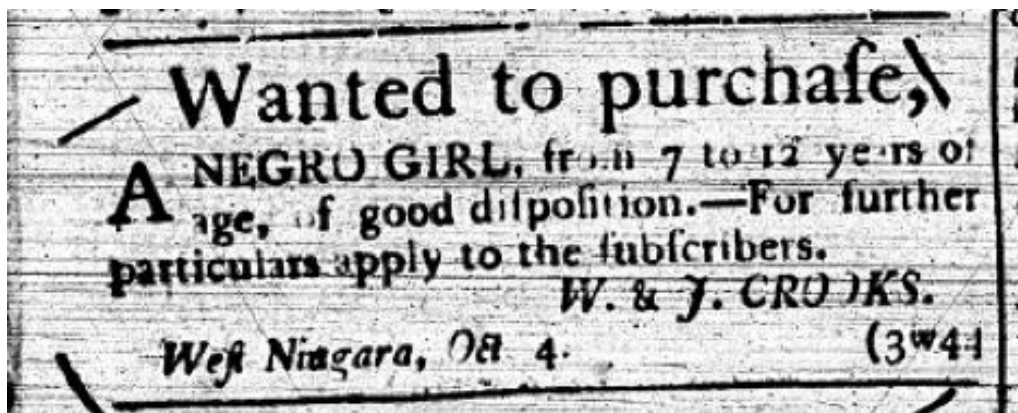
Best courses fit: History, The History of a Canadian Ethnic Group, History, English

Central Historical Question: What can we learn about slavery and resistance in Canada from slave advertisements and runaway slave notices?

Tasks

1. Read the slave advertisements.
2. Complete the chart.
3. Read the fugitive slave notices.
4. Complete both charts.
5. Write three paragraphs.

Document A



<http://www.myseumoftoronto.com/ontario-black-history-society/>

Wanted to purchase
A NEGRO GIRL, from 7 to 12 years of age, of good disposition. -
- For further particulars apply to the subscribers.
W. & J. CROOKS
West Niagara, Oct 4.

Document B

TO BE SOLD,
A BLACK WOMAN, named
PEGGY, aged about forty years; and a
Black boy: her son, named JUPITER, aged
about fifteen years, both of them the property of the
Subscriber.
The Woman is a tolerable Cook and washer woman
and perfectly understands making Soap and Candles.
The Boy is tall and strong of his age, and has been
employed in Country business, but brought up prin-
cipally as a House Servant—They are each of them
Servants for life. The Price for the Woman is one
hundred and fifty Dollars—for the Boy two hundred
Dollars, payable in three years with Interest from the
day of Sale and to be properly secured by Bond &c.—
But one fourth less will be taken in ready Money.
PETER RUSSELL.
York, Feb. 10th 1806.

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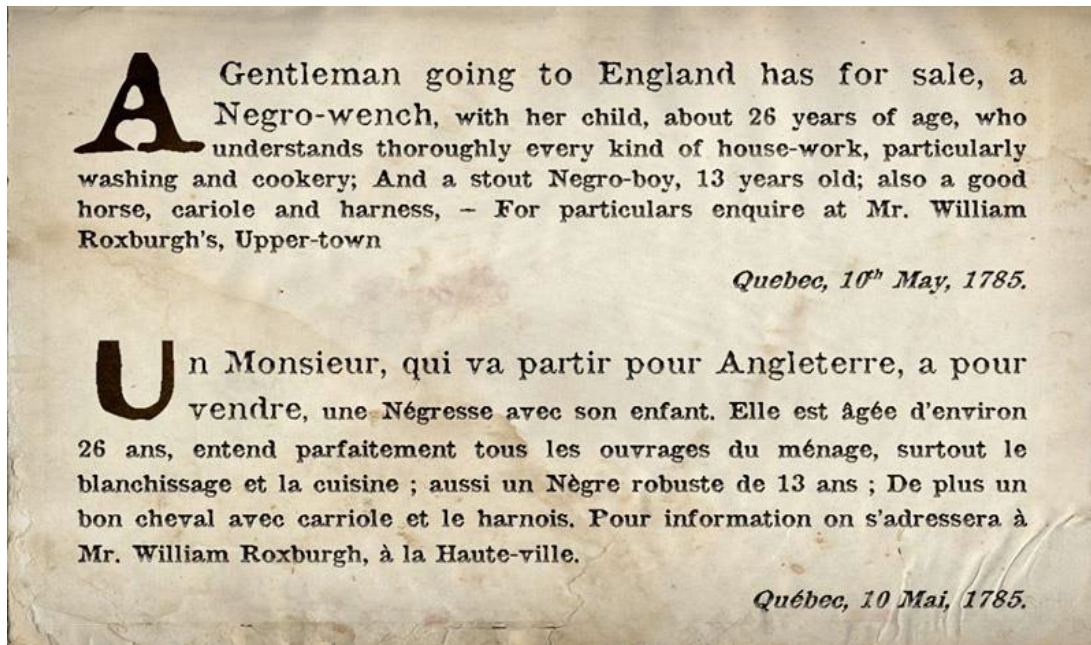
Document C



<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/explore/online/slavery/peggy.aspx>

Wanted,
A NEGRO boy, 12 or 14 years of age. Good pay will
be given. Inquire of the printer.
November 28

Document D



<https://www.historymuseum.ca/virtual-museum-of-new-france/population/slavery/>

A Gentleman going to England has for sale, a Negro-wench, with her child, about 26 years of age, who understands thoroughly every kind of house-work, particularly washing and cookery; And a stout Negro-boy, 13 years old; also a good horse, cariole and harness, -- For particulars enquire at Mr. William Roxburgh's, Upper-town.

Quebec, 10th May, 1785.


Slave Advertisements

	How does the advertisement portray enslaved people?	How does the advertisement portray slave owners?	How does the advertisement portray Canadian slavery? What did you learn about slavery in Canada?	How does the advertisement compare to the other three documents?
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Document B				
Document C				
Document D				

Fugitive Slave Notices

Document E

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.



RANAWAY from the Printing-Office in Quebec, on Sunday night the twenty-fifth instant, a Negro Lad named JOE, born in Africa, about twenty years of age, about five feet and an half high, full round fac'd, a little marked with the small-pox, speaks English and French tolerably; he had on when he went away a new green fur-cap, a blue suit of cloaths, a pair of grey worsted stockings and Canadian macassins. All persons are hereby forewarned from harbouring or aiding him to escape, as they may depend on being prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the Law, and whoever will give information where he is harboured, or bring him back, shall have EIGHT DOLLARS Reward from

THE PRINTER.

<https://earlycanadianhistory.ca/2016/02/29/canadian-fugitive-slave-advertisements-an-untapped-archive-of-resistance/>

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RAN away from her Master JOHN ROCK, on Monday the 18th Day of August last; a Negroe Girl named *Thursday*, about four and an half feet high, broad sett, with a Lump above her Right Eye: Had on when she run away a red Cloth Petticoat, a red Baize Bed Gown, and a red Ribbon about her Head. Whosoever may harbour said Negroe Girl, or encourage her to stay away from her said Master, may depend on being prosecuted according as the Law shall direct. And whosoever may be so kind to take her up and send her home to her said Master, shall be paid all Costs and Charges, together with TWO DOLLARS Reward for their Trouble.

JOHN ROCK.
HALIFAX, Sept. 1st, 1772.

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Document G

N. B. The subscribers have also to let, that pleasant House on the hill, (either together or separately) now occupied by Messrs. *Dorion* and *Sarjeant*.

Quebec, 6th March, 1787.

RAN-AWAY from the subscribers, between the hours of seven and eight o'clock yesterday evening, a **NEGRO WENCH** named **BETT**, about eighteen years old, middle stature, speaks the English, French and German languages well; had on when she went away, a blue Kersey Jacket and Pettycoat, a dark cotton Cap with yellow strings, and an Indian Shawl round her neck, was big with child, and within a few days of her time.

Whoever will apprehend said Negress, and secure her return, shall be paid **A REWARD** of **TWENTY DOLLARS**, and all reasonable expences.

Any person who may harbour or conceal the said Negress, will be prosecuted to the rigour of the law, by
JOHNSTON & PURSS.

For SALE by AUCTION on the Premises,

<https://ago.ca/wanted-essays>

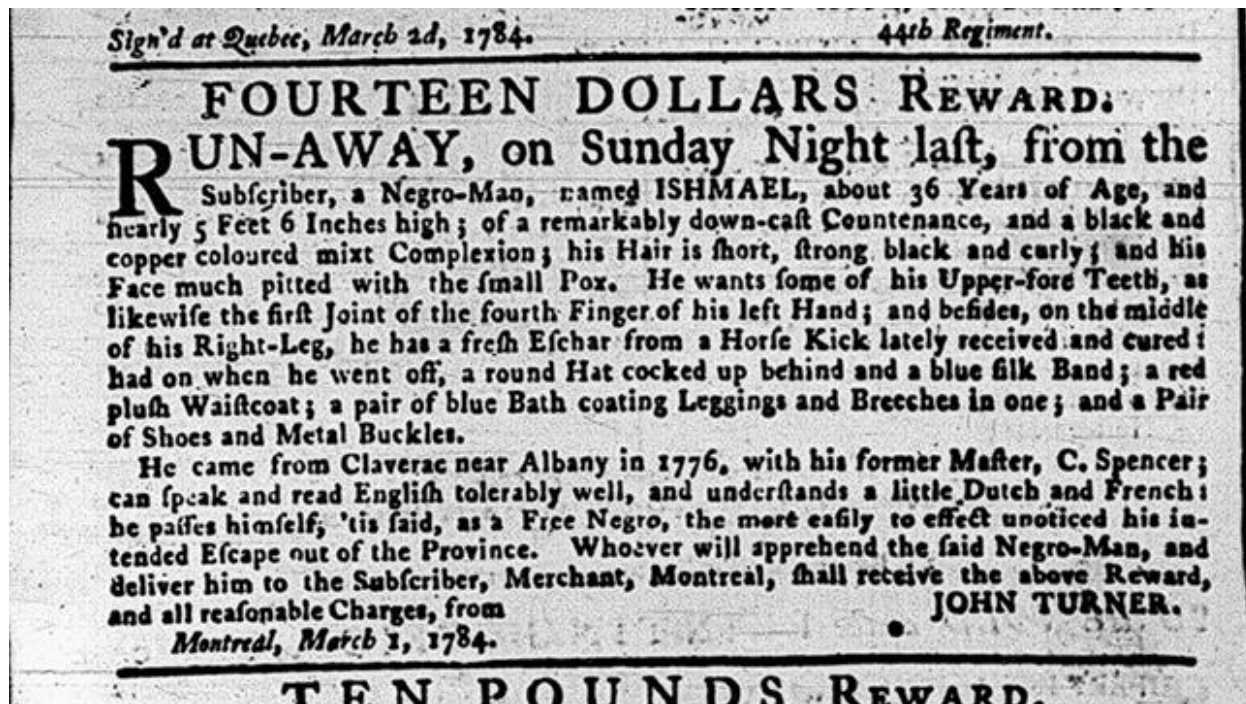
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Document H



<https://www.universityaffairs.ca/news/news-article/undergrads-harvard-will-study-canadian-slave-history-fall-thanks-professor-mcgill/>

FOURTEEN DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN-AWAY, on Sunday Night last, from the Subscriber, a Negro-Man, named **ISHMAEL**, about 36 Years of Age, and nearly 5 Feet 6 Inches high; of a remarkably down-cast Countenance, and a black and copper coloured mixt Complexion; his Hair is short, strong black and curly; and his Face much pitted with the Small Pox. He wants some of his Upper-fore Teeth, as likewise the first Joint of the fourth Finger of his left Hand; and besides, on the middle of his Right-Leg, he has a fresh eschar from a Horse Kick lately received and cured; had on when he went off, a round Hat cocked up behind and a blue silk Band; a red plush Waistcoat; a pair of blue Bath coating Leggings and Breeches in one; and a Pair of Shoes and Metal Buckles.

He came from Claverac near Albany in 1776, with his former Master, C. Spencer; can speak and read English tolerably well, and understands a little Dutch and French: he passes himself, 'tis said, as a Free Negro, the most easily to effect unnoticed his intended Escape out of the Province. Whoever will apprehend the said Negro-Man, and deliver him to the Subscriber, Merchant, Montreal, shall receive the above Reward, and all reasonable Charges, from
JOHN TURNER
 Montreal, March 1, 1784

Fugitive Slave Notices

Complete the chart by filling in the required details.

	Name	Age	Gender	Reward	Date/Location	Physical Description/ Appearance	Clothing/Accessories
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Document F							
Document G							
Document H							

Complete the chart by filling in the required details about the fugitive slave notices.

	What does this notice reveal about slavery in Canada?	What does this notice reveal about the freedom-seeker?	What does this notice reveal about the attitudes towards Black people in Canada during this era?	What is something important that you learned about this freedom-seeker? Why did that stick out to you?	How does this notice provide evidence of resistance against slavery?	What question(s) does this advertisement raise for you?
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Paragraph Assignment

You are going to write three paragraphs. Each paragraph must include:

- ✓ a title
- ✓ a topic sentence
- ✓ 3 details/examples with explanations
- ✓ a conclusion sentence

Paragraph #1

What did you learn about slavery in Canada from reading slave and fugitive slave advertisements? Provide examples and/or evidence from the documents with explanations.

Paragraph #2

What did you learn about resistance to slavery in Canada from reading fugitive slave advertisements? Provide examples and/or evidence from the documents with explanations.

Paragraph #3

Write a paragraph about three additional things you wonder or would like to learn about slavery in Canada and provide explanations.
