

Section 4: New Nation, 1783-1827

Introduction:

The Struggle for Emancipation and Citizenship, 1783-1827

Lesson Plans

Activity Sheets

1. Gouverneur Morris denounces the “nefarious institution”
2. John Jay and the Gradual Manumission of Slaves in New York State
3. Alexander Hamilton Proposes Recruiting Enslaved Africans as Soldiers
4. Joseph Hodge, the First “American” to Settle in the Buffalo Region
5. Jupiter Hammon Argues Against Rebellion
6. Bringing Slavery to Geneva, New York
7. An Irish Immigrant Denounces Slavery
8. Exploring the Early History of Brooklyn
9. Seneca Village in New York City

Narratives

1. The Life, History, and Unparalleled Sufferings of John Jea
2. Narrative of Solomon Northup (1808-1841)
3. An Old Farmer’s Talk, Stephen L. Vanderveer’s New Lots Recollections
4. Austin Steward, Twenty-Two Years a Slave and Forty Years a Freeman

Additional Documents Available on the Internet

1785. Anti-Abolition Sentiments, *New-York Packet*, April 4, 1785
- 1786-1801. New York State Bans the Slave Trade
1790. Map. New York Slave Holding
- 1790-1815. Journal of John Baxter
- 1790-1860. Population of New York
- 1790-1860. Population of Kings County
1796. Emancipation of Preter Williams
- 1797 - 1827. Complaints Investigated by the New York City Manumission Society.
1797. Samuel Miller , Immorality of Slavery
1798. E. H. Smith debates Abolition
1799. Gradual Abolition Act
- 1800-1801. Excerpts from the Journal of Dr. Samuel Thompson
- 1800-1819. Long Island Manumission Papers
- 1800 – 1824. Index of Slave Owners in Huntington and Babylon, 1800-1824
- 1804-1862. Population of Cuba and Slave Imports into Cuba
- 1808 (A) Peter Williams, Oration on the Abolition of the Slave Trade
- 1809-1814. Long Island Bills of Sale and Lease
1809. William Hamilton, Address to the New-York African Society
1809. Joseph Sidney Discusses End of the Slave Trade
- 1810-1861. United States Presidents on the Slave Trade
1811. Black Suffrage in New York
- 1811-1819. Brooklyn, New York Indentured Servant Papers
1813. George Lawrence, An Oration on the Abolition of the Slave Trade
1817. Gradual Manumission in New York State
1820. Missouri Compromise

1820. New Lots Census Data

1820. Slavery in Brooklyn – Street Names

1821. Erastus Root, Delaware County, Disputes Black Voting Rights

1821b. “Africans,” *National Advocate*

1824-1873. Slave Owning Families Among the Founders of Kings County Banks

1827. Freedom’s Journal Opening Editorial

1827. William Hamilton, Emancipation Address

1827. Nathaniel Paul, Emancipation Address

1827. James McCune Smith Describes the Manumission Day Parade