

Recognizing Slaves as Individuals

4th Grade

Standards	<p>SS1.1 KEY IDEA 1 - The study of New York State and United States history requires an analysis of the development of American culture, its diversity and multicultural context, and the ways people are unified by many values, practices, and traditions.</p> <p>SS1.E.1A Performance Indicator 1 - Students know the roots of American culture, its development from many different traditions, and the ways many people from a variety of groups and backgrounds played a role in creating it.</p> <p>SS1.E.1A.04.03 - Understand the slave trade and slavery in the colonies</p>
Focus	Gain information about individual slaves in the colonies using primary sources.
Outcomes	The students will take information from primary source documents (runaway ads) to better understand individuals involved in slavery.
Primary Source	Runaway ads from the New London Gazette and the New London Summary
Overview	As part of social studies study in 4 th grade in New York State, students learn about the development of culture in America. This includes the study of slavery and the slave trade and the effect it had on those directly and indirectly associated with it. Prior to this lesson, students will learn about the slave trade and the triangular trade route. They will have an understanding of how and why slaves were brought to America. The purpose of this lesson is two-fold. The students will gain experience using primary source documents. They will also learn more about individual slaves by developing a profile of each slave using information found in runaway ads.
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teacher will review the previously taught information on the slave trade and slavery and introduce students to the primary documents that will be used in this lesson. An explanation will be provided for the purpose of the runaway ads. • Each student will be assigned a partner to work with. Together they will complete a chart giving information about each advertised escaped slave. (This lesson provides 6 documents, but adjustments can be made to the number used, to adjust to the level and ability of each group.)
Assessment	Each student will choose (or be assigned) one individual from their chart and write a one-paragraph description of this person.
Resources	<p>Citizens All http://cmi2.yale.edu/citizens_all/stories/module1/docact.html</p> <p>Connecticut Historical Society Archives New London Gazette, Sept. 20, 1809</p>

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Using the primary documents provided, complete the chart with information in each runaway ad.

Name of runaway	Race or Color	Male or Female	Age	Height	Reward	Description

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RANAWAY from the subscriber on or a-
bout the 20th day of March last an in-
dented Indian boy named FREDERICK BRU-
SHEL, is known by the name of Fred'k. Ma-
jor, about seventeen years of age, about five
feet high. Had on when he went away a
brown jacket and blue trowsers. Whoever
will apprehend said boy and return him to the
subscriber shall receive a reasonable reward, and
charges paid. All persons are hereby forbid
harbouring, carrying away, or concealing said
boy on penalty of the law.

Henry Norris.
New-London, Sept. 20, 1809.

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Ran away from the subscriber on or about the 20th day of March (last) an indented Indian boy named Frederick Brushel, is know by the name of Fred'k. Major, about seventeen years of age, about five feet high.

Had on when he went away a brown jacket and blue trousers. Whoever will apprehend said boy and return him to the subscriber shall receive a reasonable reward, and charges paid.

All persons are hereby forbid harboring (*hiding*), carrying away, or concealing said boy on penalty of the law.

Henry Norris. New-London, Sept. 20, 1809

New-London, 23 July, 1761.
Ran-away on Tuesday Morning
the 21st Instant, a Negro Man called JORDEN, about 20 Years of Age, born at LYME, in CONNECTICUT, about 5 feet 9 Inches high, a well built fellow and remarkably Strong, good at all Manner of Labour, and is a prime Sailor, has a kind of Scar about his Mouth like the Small-pox, has a small Mouth, a flat Nose, inclining to one Side; took with him a grey Coat, one white and one strip'd Jacket, two pair Trowsers, one pair blue cloath Breeches, white Thread and grey worsted Stockings, speaks good English, and is very talkative, speaks much of his being a Free man, and will endeavour to pass for such, having got a false Pass. — Whoever takes up the said Negro and brings him to ROGER GIBSON, in New-London, or secures him in any of his Majesty's Goals, so that his said Master may have him again, shall have FIVE POUNDS Lawful Money Reward. N. B. 'Tis almost certain, that he intends to go off in some Vessel, therefore all Masters of Vessels are hereby forewarned not to Harbour him as they will be prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the Law.

New London 23 July, 1761

Ran-away on Tuesday morning the 21st Instant*[July], a Negro man call Jorden about 20 years of age, born at Lyme, in Connecticut, about 5 feet 9 inches high, and a well built fellow and remarkably strong.

Good at all manner of labor, and is a prime (*good*) sailor, has a kind of scar about his mouth like small pox, has a small mouth, a flat nose, inclining to one side. (He) took with him a gray coat, one white and one striped jacket, two pair trousers, one pair blue cloth breeches, white thread and gray worsted (*wool*) stockings.

(He) speaks good English, and is very talkative, speaks much of his being a free man, and will endeavor (*try*) to pass for such, having got a false pass. Whoever takes up the said Negro and brings him to Roger Gibson, in New London, or secures him in any of his Majesty's Goals, so that his said master may have him again shall have five pounds lawful money reward.

N.B. 'Tis almost certain, that he intends to go off in some vessel (*ship*), therefore all masters of vessels are hereby forewarned not to harbor him as they will be prosecuted to the utmost rigor of the law.

* *Instant* means the current month or the month they are in at that time.

Run-away from the Subscriber,
about a Month ago, a Melatto Man-Servant, named Ishmael Mux, about 18 years old, white Complexion, of a middle Stature, broad Shoulder'd, and very round back, and stoops much as he walks; wears his own Hair, and can Read, Write and Cypher well; naturally good Temper'd, but Cross and Sultry when strong Liquor has enter'd him, (which he has a great Inclination to). He had on when he went away a speckled Flannel Shirt, and a white gaiter one over it, light colour'd kersey Jacket, and Breeches new, and handsome white-mettled Buttons (with holes in the middle of the Buttons) a red duffel Great Coat, grey yarn Stockings and brass Buckles in his Shoes. He is supposed to be gone to Lebanon or Stonington. Whoever will take up said Servant, and convey him to the Subscriber, shall be paid **TEN DOLLARS** Reward, and all necessary Charges, by
PYGAN ADAMS:
New London, 6th Jan. 1761.

Run-away from the subscriber, about a month ago, a Mulatto servant named Ishmael Mux, about 18 years old, white complexion, of a middle stature, broad shouldered, and very round back and stoops much as he walks.


Wears his own hair, and can read, write, and cipher (*solve math problems*) well; naturally good-tempered. But cross when Liquor has entered him, (which he has a great inclination to).

He had on when he went away a speckled flannel shirt and a white one. Over this is a light colored kersey jacket and breeches, new and handsome; white-metaled buttons (with holes in the middle of the buttons), a red duffel (*woolen*) greatcoat (*heavy coat*), gray yarn stockings, and brass buckles in his shoes.

He is supposed to be gone to Lebanon or Stonington.

Whoever will take up said servant and convey him to the subscriber, shall be paid ten dollars reward, and all necessary charges by

Pygan Adams: New London, 6th Jan. 1761




RAN-away from me the
Subscriber, the 14th Instant, a
Mulatto Woman named **BIL-**
HALL, aged 30 Years, a tall,
thick built, well proportioned
Wench; had on a brown short
camblet Cloak, a light colour'd
stuff Gown, barr'd with Yellow, a blue cam-
blet Quilt, and check'd linen Apron, black
silk Bonnet, a large pair flower'd silver Shoe-
Buckles; may possibly pretend to be a Free
Woman, or may Change her Apparel for
Men's Cloathing. All Masters of Vessels are
cautioned from carrying off said Mulatto.—
Any Person who shall secure said Mulatto
Wench in any of His Majesty's Goals, shall
have **FOUR DOLLARS** Reward, and neces-
sary Charges paid by **JARED ELIOT.**
Killingsworth, Mar. 21, 1764.

Ran-away from me the subscriber, the 14th instant* [March], a Mulatto woman named Bilhah, aged 30 years, a tall, thick built, well proportioned wench (*girl*).

(She) had on a brown short camblet (*wool fabric*) cloak, a light colored stuff (*woolen*) gown, basted with yellow, a blue camblet quilt, and checked linen apron, black silk bonnet, a large pair flowered silver shoe buckles.

(She) may possibly pretend to be a free woman, or may change her apparel for men's clothing. All masters of vessels (*ships*) are cautioned from carrying off said Mulatto---Any person who shall secure said Mulatto wench in any of His Majesty's Goals, shall have four dollars reward, and necessary charges paid by Jared Eliot. Killingsworth, Mar. 21, 1764.

* *Instant* means the current month or the month they are in at that time.




New-Haven, March 13, 1764.
RU' Naway last Night,
from *Ralph Isaacs*, a lusty
Negro Man: He had on
when he went away, a
Coat trim'd with Green,
and white Lace, brown Cloth Breeches,
Check'd Woolen Shirt, took with
him a blue Cloth Coat, with a red
Cape, a white Shirt, with a wide
Collar and Ristbands, talks bad
English, and broken *French*. Who-
ever will take up said *Negro*, and
send him, or secure him so that his
Master may have him again, shall be
well rewarded.

New Haven, March 13, 1764.

Runaway last night, from Ralph Isaacs, a lusty (*strong*) Negro man: He had on when he went away, a coat trimmed with green and white lace, brown cloth breeches, checked woolen shirt. (He) took with him a blue cloth coat, with a red cape, a white shirt, with a wide collar and wristbands.

(He) talks bad English and broken French.

Whoever will take up said Negro, and send him, or secure him so that his master may have him again, shall be well rewarded.



October 9th 1764.
RAN AWAY from Groton in
Connecticut, a Spanish Molatto
Slave, named PHAROAH,
about 5 Feet 10 Inches high,
well set, wore short Hair (but
may have cut it off) consider-
ably Talkative to appearance,
artful and pleasant in his Manners and Beha-
viour, plays on a Violin, & had one with him,
when he went away had on a stone grey
Bearskin Coat, a strip'd Flannel Waistcoat
without Sleeves, cloth colour'd Breeches,
Stockings uncertain, as he carried a Variety
with him in a Bag with other Cloathing, Brass
Buckles in his Shoes. Whoever takes and
secures said Slave so that the Owner may have
him again, shall receive FIVE DOLLARS
Reward with necessary Charges paid,
by JOHN MUMFORD, of Colchester.
N. B. All Masters of Vessels and Others,
are forbid harbouring or carrying off said
Slave, 'as they shall answer it at their Peril.

October 9, 1761

Ran away from Groton in Connecticut, a Spanish Mulatto Slave, named Pharoah.

(He is) about 5 feet 10 inches high, well set, wore short hair (but may have cut it off).

(He is) considerably talkative to appearance, artful, and pleasant in his manners and behavior.

(He) plays on a violin, and had one with him when he went away.

(He) had on a stone gray bearskin coat, a striped flannel waistcoat (*vest*) without sleeves, cloth colored breeches. (His) stockings (are) uncertain, as he carried a variety with him in a bag with other clothing. Brass buckles in his shoes.

Whoever takes and secures said slave so that the owner may have him again, shall receive five dollars reward with necessary charges paid, by John Mumford of Colchester.

N.B. all Masters of vessels (*ships*) and others are forbid harboring (*hiding*) or carrying off said slave, as they shall answer it at their peril (*risk*).

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