

Written Document Analysis Worksheet

BM/MJ-W 2/11/09

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3.	<p>DATE(S) OF DOCUMENT:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oct 10, 1850</p>
4.	<p>AUTHOR (OR CREATOR) OF THE DOCUMENT:</p> <p>POSITION (TITLE): Asst Marshal</p>
5.	<p>FOR WHAT AUDIENCE WAS THE DOCUMENT WRITTEN?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Slave Inhabitants in Sumter district</p>
6.	<p>DOCUMENT INFORMATION (There are many possible ways to answer A-E.)</p> <p>A. List three things the author said that you think are important:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - William Ellison listed as slaveowner - had 37 slaves - 27 males and 10 females - He as 50 <p>B. Why do you think this document was written?</p> <p>- to keep count of the number of slaves each person owned</p> <p>C. What evidence in the document helps you know why it was written? Quote from the document.</p> <p>Name of Slave owners' number of slaves age Sex and Colour</p> <p>D. List two things the document tells you about life in the United States at the time it was written.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black owned slaves - Ellison owned slaves as young as one month old <p>E. Write a question to the author that is left unanswered by the document:</p> <p>Were any of his slaves given their freedom?</p>

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<p>4. AUTHOR (OR CREATOR) OF THE DOCUMENT:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">William Ellison</p> <p>POSITION (TITLE):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Father of Henry Ellison</p>												
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<p>6. DOCUMENT INFORMATION (There are many possible ways to answer A-E.)</p> <p>A. List three things the author said that you think are important:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leave \$300 in Messrs. Adams and Frast hands 2. Get half doz. weeding hoes. 3. Get 2 hand saws from Mr. Adger for the shop <p>B. Why do you think this document was written?</p> <p>to give his son some business to take care of for him.</p> <p>C. What evidence in the document helps you know why it was written? Quote from the document.</p> <p>"I will mention a few items of importance that I wish attended to at one if you have not done so."</p> <p>D. List two things the document tells you about life in the United States at the time it was written.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Slavery was still going on 2- cotton was the main product grown <p>E. Write a question to the author that is left unanswered by the document:</p> <p>Did Mr. Ledinham and all the others pay their bills?</p>												