

Activity 3: Primary Source Analysis

Source A: Fugitive Slave Advertisement, [Virginia Gazette, July 18 1751](#)

RUN away on the 8th of July, 1751, from the Subscriber, living at Augusta Court-House, a Scotch Servant Lad, named Alexander Fullerton, about 20 Years of Age, 5 Feet 5 or 6 inches high, had with him Several Sorts of Books, and was employ'd some Time in keeping School, speaks very broad, and is remarkable by a Side Look or short Sight, and has a Scar or Mole on one of his Cheeks. Likewise a Negroe Fellow, tall and streight limm'd, smart and acute, and speaks good English, near 6 Feet high; had on when he went away, a blue Broad-Cloth Jacket without Sleeves, with Metal Buttons, and several other Cloaths. They took with them a Bay Horse, with a short cut Tail, a large Star in his Forehead, and three white Feet, mark'd with a Blotch Brand on the off Buttock, a Saddle with a blue Plush Seat, blue Housing, and Buckles before, for a Breast Plate; as also a Pair of Pistols with Brass Barrels, and the Plates of the Locks Brass; likewise they took with them an old Gun, and it's suppos'd they had in Company with them an English Servant Man, named John Past, who will be taken for a Mulatto. 'Tis supposed the said Fullerton has forg'd Passes for them all. Whoever secures the said Servant or Negro, so that I may have them again, shall have Five Pistoles Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by Robert M'Clanehan. N.B. I will give Three Pistoles Reward to any Man who will apprehend and convey to me my Servant Man, named John Past, who looks like a Mulatto, and talks softly in his Speech. Andrew Johnson.

Source B: Fugitive Slave Advertisement, [The New-Jersey Journal, April 23, 1781](#)

Fifteen Hundred Dollars Reward. RAN AWAY from the subscriber, the 21st instant, a Negro man named Frank, this country born, about forty-five years old; had on a brown broad cloth coat, and blue plush breeches.-Also went off at the same time, a Negro woman named Phebe, (wife of said fellow) about forty years old; her clothes cannot be described; had with her a male child, about sixteen months old.-They went off in company with a free fellow named Cuff, about twenty-five years of age; had on a light blue coat, and blue overalls. They took with them two horses, one a large forrel, and the other a bay, with a long tail, five years old this spring, fifteen hands high.-Whoever takes up said Negroes and horses, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, if brought home, paid by JOHN WILSON. N. B. Though the free fellow should have a pass, it is expected he will be apprehended with the rest. Hackett's Town, April 23. 1781.

Source C: Fugitive Slave Advertisement, [The Massachusetts Spy, July 18 1785](#)

TWENTY DOLLARS reward. Ran away from the Subscriber, on Wednesday the 13th ult. a negro ser- vant woman, about twenty years old, with her a female child, about eighteen months old, almost white.—The wench is a smart likely girl, about five feet five inches high, slim built, speaks but little, has a sore on her right arm which appears to be a scald; was bred on the island of Barbadoes, and in all probability will try to make that place again.—All persons are forbid har- bouring her;-masters of vessels are requested to pay a particular attention, as they will answer it at their peril. JOHN CAPE. N.B. Have heard that she had made an acquaintance with a negro man from the eastward.—All charges will be paid. New-York, July 15,1785.

Source D: Fugitive Slave Advertisement, [The New-Jersey Gazette, June 23 1779](#)

SIXTY DOLLARS Reward. MADE his escape a few days ago from the Provost Guard near Raritan bridge, a Negro Man named CUFF, well set, speaks very slow but good English, about 40 years old, very black; he was confined for killing his master, Joseph Moss, of Stoney hill. Whoever secures the said Negro, so that he may be brought to justice, shall have the above reward, and all reasonable charges paid by PETER DUMONT, June 18. Sheriff of Somerset county.