

## Slavery DBQ

### American History – Topic: Slavery

Assign the [Slavery DBQ](#) to students: This DBQ was compiled for the New York Regents Exam by the New York State Department of Education. Class discussion can follow the complete ion of the DBQ

Read [this letter](#) by Cornelia to her sister, Addie, dated September 1, 1835. Also refer to the book, [A Woman Styled Bold](#) by Radegunde Flaxman SHCJ (see slavery in the index). Flaxman discusses the slaves that were owned by Cornelia and Pierce. Assign the following written questions (or these questions can be used in discussion) Using the knowledge garnered from the Slavery DBQ, address the following questions in a well---organized, coherent essay.

Make sure that you adhere to the elements of formal writing.

- What is significant about slavery only being addressed by Cornelia in the post script in this letter?
- Surmise how information was collated and spread during Cornelia’s life?
- Why do you think Cornelia thought the slaves were content?
- Were you surprised to learn that Cornelia owned slaves?
- Although slavery wasn't completely invisible to Cornelia, she certainly did not see or understand it the way we do today. What in our world might be considered "invisible" or not seen fully by us today?