

Document Analysis Sheet – Grade 7 Slavery in Texas

Teaching excerpt from: A Declaration of the Causes which Impel the State of Texas to Secede From the Union, adopted on the 2nd day of February, 1861.

She was received as a commonwealth holding, maintaining and protecting the institution known as negro slavery—the servitude of the African to the white race within her limits—a relation that had existed from the first settlement of her wilderness by the white race, and which her people intended should continue to exist in all future time. Her institutions and geographical position established the strongest ties between her and the other slaveholding States of the Confederacy. These ties

Answer the following questions, using this document. Underline important sentences to help answer the questions.

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According to the title of the document, what is the purpose of this document?

Who do you think was the intended audience for the document? _____

Why do you think this document was written? Quote evidence from the document as proof.

According to your textbook, what was happening in Texas when this document was written?

This document is 8 pages long. It contains repeated mention of the role of slavery in Texas' withdrawal from the United States government and in Texas' decision to join the Confederacy. According to the excerpt on this Analysis Sheet, how do Texans feel about slavery?
