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English 8/ 100 points

Slavery/ Civil War Unit

1619-1865

Due on Tuesday

In order to better understand the experiences of American slaves in our country, I would like you to find a slave’s primary source narrative. This should be the recollections or the writings of a slave, recounting their experiences as a slave. Slavery began in our country in 1619, and it did not end until the end of the American Civil War in 1865. What I would like you to do is find the primary source and make a copy of it. Narratives should be no longer than two pages. (20 points)

Summary of a Primary Source

Read through the entire narrative. In your own words, describe what life was like for this particular slave. Include their name and where they lived. What was their life experience? What were their duties? How were they treated by their master? What was their family life like? Any additional items about their life and times that one would find interesting? (50 points)

Personal Reflection

After reading the narrative, what did you find out about slavery that you didn’t know previously? Based on the reading, what would it like for you to be a slave? What would it be like to trade places with the slave that you read about? What would be some of your own feelings if you were to find yourself a slave? (30 points)

**Your summary should be at least 250 words**

**Possible Searches:**

**American Slave Narratives**

**Slavery stories in America**

**Narrative life of American slaves**

**North American slave narratives**

**Frederick Douglass**

**Harriet Tubman**