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Guiding Questions for “Slavery Begins in America” and “Abolitionists and the Underground Railroad”

Directions: Review the questions below prior to watching each video. Watch carefully and collect evidence to support your answer to each question. Complete the handout after watching each video.

Slavery Begins in America

- What is the main idea of this video?
- What examples from the video support the main idea?
- What did it mean to be a slave? How do you think slaves felt about their condition?
- What split over slavery took place when the United States became a country?
- Why did the southern states want to keep slavery?

Abolitionists and the Underground Railroad

- What is the main idea of this video? How does it relate to the main idea of “Slavery Begins in America”?
- What details support this main idea?
- What was the purpose of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850?
- What was the Underground Railroad? Why was it formed?
- What were the people who took different roles in the “railroad” called?
- Why were workers for the Underground Railroad willing to take great risks to help others?