

# Graphic Organizer

## The Declaration of Independence and the Promise of Liberty and Equality for All: Founding Principles and the Problem of Slavery



How did the principles of the Declaration of Independence contribute to the quest to end slavery?

- ☐ I can interpret primary sources related to principles of liberty, equality, and justice in the Founding era.
- ☐ I can create an argument using evidence from primary sources.
- ☐ I can analyze issues in history to help find solutions to present-day challenges.

**Directions:** Identify the main ideas and connections to the Founding principles using the information you gathered from your assigned documents.

Document Title and Date	Main Ideas	Connection to or Violation of Founding Principles
The Declaration of Independence as approved by the Continental Congress, 1776		

Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature, January 13, 1777		
Constitution of Massachusetts, 1780		
Constitution of Kentucky, 1792		
Elizabeth (Mumbet) Freeman portrait, 1811		
Legal Notes by Chief Justice William Cushing about the Quock Walker case, 1783		

The Northwest Ordinance, 1787		
The Southwest Ordinance, 1790		
Excerpts from the U.S. Constitution, ratified 1788		
Petition from the Pennsylvania Society for the Abolition of Slavery, 1790		