

# Explore: Slavery and the United States Constitution

## Was the Constitution a pro-slavery document or an anti-slavery document?

- I can interpret primary sources related to slavery and the Founding.
- I can create an argument using evidence from primary sources.

**Background: What facts do we have to consider before we look at our two sources?**

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Source A: William Lloyd Garrison, "The American Union." The Liberator, January 10, 1845

Source B: Frederick Douglass, "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?" Speech to Rochester, New York Ladies Anti-Slavery Society, July 5, 1852

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