



MysteryQuest 16

Support Materials 3 (Activity Sheet)

Concerns about Slaves

Document Title: Ordinance by Intendant Raudot on the subject of slavery in Canada, April 13, 1709

Statement from the historical document	What is the author saying about slaves? (summarize the passage in your own words)	What inferences or questions does this raise about slaves and attitudes to slavery?
<p>Having good Knowledge of how this Colony would benefit if it were possible for the inhabitants to purchase Savages known as panis ... it is necessary to ensure the ownership of those who have purchased them or will purchase them in the future.</p>	<p><i>It would benefit the colony of New France if its people could know that the government would support their legal rights to own slaves.</i></p>	<p><i>Why does there have to be a public proclamation about slavery if everyone agrees that slavery is good and necessary?</i></p> <p><i>Perhaps, it suggests that everyone is not in favour of slavery.</i></p>
<p>Savages known as panis, whose nation is Distant from this country, and whom we can only obtain through savages who will take them from their Homeland and most frequently sell them to the English of Carolina, and who have at times sold them to the people of this country...</p>		
<p>[The inhabitants of New France] at times are frustrated by the considerable sums that they must pay, owing to these savages being inspired with a sense of freedom by those who did not purchase them</p>		
<p>[O]wing to these savages being inspired with a sense of freedom by those who did not purchase them, which means that they most always abandon their masters, and this under the pretext that there are no slaves in France, which is not necessarily the truth...</p>		

Statement from the historical document	What is the author saying about slaves? (summarize the passage in your own words)	What inferences or questions does this raise about slaves and attitudes to slavery?
<p>[although slavery is officially not supported by France] considering the Colonies that rely on them, considering that in the Islands of this continent all negroes that the inhabitants purchase are always viewed as such and as all colonies must be viewed as equal..., it is necessary to ensure the ownership of those who have purchased them or will purchase them in the future.</p>		
<p>and since the people of the Panis nation are as needed by the inhabitants of this country for Cultivating the land and for other work that may be Undertaken, as are the Negroes on the islands, and since these measures are very useful for this Colony, it is necessary to ensure the ownership of those who have purchased them or will purchase them in the future.</p>		
<p>We, for the great pleasure of his Majesty, ordain that all Panis and Negroes who have Been purchased or who will be purchased at some time, will belong to Those who have purchased them as their full property and Be known as their Slaves;</p>		
<p>we prohibit the said Panis and Negroes from abandoning their masters And whomsoever from corrupting them, under penalty of a 50 livres fine.</p>		
<p>We ordain that the present ordinance be read and published in the customary Locations in the cities of Québec, trois Rivières and Montréal, and that it be Registered at the local provostship, under the diligence of our sub-delegates, Done at our hotel in Quebec the 13 of April 1709. [signé]Raudot</p>		