

## TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY PROJECT

### *Lesson Title –* **Plotting Slave Population Density in Connecticut in the 1700s**

Grade - 10

Length of class period – 46 minutes

Inquiry – (What essential question are students answering, what problem are they solving, or what decision are they making?)

1. *What was the Stafford area's (Stafford, Ellington, Tolland, Somers, Union) involvement in slavery? Explain their level of involvement.*
2. *What areas of Connecticut had the highest slave populations? Is there any commonality between these areas?*
3. *What were the occupations of some of the leading slaveholders in Connecticut?*

Objectives (What content and skills do you expect students to learn from this lesson?)

1. Students will learn how to transfer statistical information from a table to a town map of Connecticut.
2. Students will learn how to deduce what factors make slavery more essential to some Connecticut towns.
3. Students will learn how to research local history on individual slave owners through the internet.

Materials (What primary sources or local resources are the basis for this lesson? – (please attach)

1. "Complicity: How Connecticut Chained Itself to Slavery" Hartford Courant: Northeast Magazine September 29, 2002 p. 6-7, 16-19
2. Town Map of Connecticut-- <http://www.ct.gov/ecd/LIB/ecd/20/14/townmap.pdf>
3. 1776 Map of Connecticut (see below as well)-- [http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/cgi-bin/MAGIC\\_HistDisp.pl?&Geog=37800&Loc=0000&Dir=/magic/data/image/37800/hdimg/all/&File=37800.0000.1776.s1100.unkn.1](http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/cgi-bin/MAGIC_HistDisp.pl?&Geog=37800&Loc=0000&Dir=/magic/data/image/37800/hdimg/all/&File=37800.0000.1776.s1100.unkn.1)
4. Connecticut Towns and Counties (see below as well) <http://www.eslib.org/cttowns.htm>

Activities (What will you and your students do during the lesson to promote learning?)

1. Students will pair up with a classmate. Each pair will be given a copy of “Complicity: How Connecticut Chained Itself to Slavery”, a map of Connecticut, and 7 colored pencils.
2. Students will use the table, “Connecticut Slave Population by County and Town in 1774” on page 17 to identify which towns had slaves as well as how many each town owned. (You may need to use the table, “Connecticut Towns and Counties”, to figure out modern day towns that were originally apart of another town.)
3. Students will categorize the towns into one of seven groups of slave populations: 0-50, 51-100, 101-150, 151-200, 201-250, 251-300, and 301-350. With the colored pencils, students will color code the towns into the appropriate slave population group.
4. When students have finished this map portion, return back to a whole class discussion. Questions that can be asked:
  - What is the slave population in your community?
  - Is it high or low compared to the rest of the state?
  - Why is it high or low?
5. Based on the last question, the discussion might progress to the question of what the slaves were used for. If so, students will receive the 1776 map of Connecticut. Based on the topography and geographic location of the towns, student can deduce how the slaves were used in this area. Ask students to guess which
6. Pass out the table, “Most Likely To Own Slaves”, found on page 18. Students will view the list and compare the list to what they originally hypothesized.
7. For extra credit, students can do a biographical sketch on some of the major slave holders in Connecticut (i.e. Elijah Mason, Sr.-Lebanon, Robert Dixon-Voluntown, Timothy Hale-Glastonbury, James Davenport-Norwalk/Stamford).

How will you assess what student learned during this lesson?

1. Accuracy of maps of slave population density.
2. Students will have to answer a short answer essay on this info at the end of the week section quiz.

Connecticut Framework Performance Standards –

- formulate historical questions and hypotheses from multiple perspectives, using multiple sources;
- evaluate data within the historical, social, political and economic context in which it was created, testing its credibility and evaluating its bias;



1776 Connecticut Map

<u>Town name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Year Established</u>	<u>Parent Town</u>	<u>History of incorporation</u>
Andover	Tolland	1848	Coventry, Hebron	May 18, 1848; taken from Hebron and Coventry
Ansonia	New Haven	1889	Derby	April, 1889; taken from Derby
Ashford	Windham	1714	----	Oct., 1714
Avon	Hartford	1830	Farmington	May, 1830; taken from Farmington
Barkhamsted	Litchfield	1779	----	Oct., 1779
Beacon Falls	New Haven	1871	Bethany, Seymour, Oxford, Naugatuck	June, 1871, taken from Bethany, Oxford, Seymour and Naugatuck

Berlin	Hartford	1785	Farmington, Wethersfield, Middletown	May, 1785; taken from Farmington, Wethersfield and Middletown
Bethany	New Haven	1832	Woodbridge	May, 1832; taken from Woodbridge
Bethel	Fairfield	1855	Danbury	May, 1855; taken from Danbury
Bethlehem	Litchfield	1787	Woodbury	May, 1787; taken from Woodbury, and known as "North Purchase."
Bloomfield	Hartford	1835	Windsor, Farmington, Simsbury	May, 1835; taken from Windsor
Bolton	Tolland	1720		Oct., 1720
Bozrah	New London	1786	Norwich	May, 1786; taken from Norwich
Branford	New Haven	1685	New Haven	Named, 1653; settled 1639~1644 under New Haven jurisdiction; named 1653; set off from New Haven 1685
Bridgeport	Fairfield	1821	Stratford, Fairfield	May, 1821; taken from Stratford and Fairfield; city inc., May, 1836; town and city consolidated, 1836
Bridgewater	Litchfield	1856	New Milford	May, 1856; taken from New Milford
Bristol	Hartford	1785	Farmington	May, 1785; taken from Farmington. Town and city co-extensive, 1911
Brookfield	Fairfield	1788	Danbury, New Milford, Newtown	May, 1788; taken from Danbury, New Milford and Newtown

Brooklyn	Windham	1786	Pomfret, Canterbury	May, 1786; taken from Pomfret and Canterbury
Burlington	Hartford	1806	Bristol	May, 1806; taken from Bristol
Canaan	Litchfield	1739	----	Oct., 1739
Canterbury	Windham	1703	Plainfield	Oct., 1703; taken from Plainfield
Canton	Hartford	1806	Simsbury	May, 1806; taken from Simsbury
Chaplin	Windham	1822	Windham, Hampton, Mansfield	1822; taken from Windham, Mansfield and Hampton
Cheshire	New Haven	1780	Wallingford	May, 1780; taken from Wallingford
Chester	Middlesex	1836	Saybrook	May, 1836; taken from Saybrook, now Chester
Clinton	Middlesex	1838	Killingworth	May, 1838; taken from Killingworth
Colchester	New London	1698	----	1698; named, Oct., 1699
Colebrook	Litchfield	1779	----	Oct., 1779
Columbia	Tolland	1804	Lebanon	May, 1804; taken from Lebanon
Cornwall	Litchfield	1740	----	May, 1740
Coventry	Tolland	1712	----	May, 1712
Cromwell	Middlesex	1851	Middletown	May, 1851; taken from Middletown

Danbury	Fairfield	1687	----	Settled, 1685; named, Oct., 1687, Inc., town, May, 1702; city, 1889. Town and city consolidated, Jan. 1, 1965
Darien	Fairfield	1820	Stamford	May, 1820; taken from Stamford
Deep River	Middlesex	1635	----	Settled, 1635 as Saybrook; united with Connecticut, Dec., 1644; name changed to Deep River, July 1, 1947
Derby	New Haven	1675	----	Named, May, 1675. Town inc., May 13, 1775. City inc., June 7, 1893. Town and city consolidated, June 7, 1893
Durham	Middlesex	1708	----	Settled, 1699; named, May 1704; Inc., Oct. 1708
East Granby	Hartford	1858	Granby, Windsor Locks	June, 1858; taken from Granby and Windsor Locks
East Haddam	Middlesex	1734	Haddam	May, 1734; taken from Haddam
East Hampton	Middlesex	1767	Middletown	Inc., as Chatham, Oct., 1767; taken from Middletown
East Hartford	Hartford	1783	Hartford	Oct., 1783; taken from Hartford
East Haven	New Haven	1785	New Haven	May, 1785; taken from New Haven
East Lyme	New London	1839	Lyme, Waterford	May, 1839; taken from Lyme and Waterford
East Windsor	Hartford	1768	Windsor	May, 1768; taken from Windsor
Eastford	Windham	1847	Ashford	May, 1847; taken from Ashford
Easton	Fairfield	1845	Weston	May, 1845; taken from Weston

Ellington	Tolland	1786	East Windsor	May, 1786; taken from East Windsor
Enfield	Hartford	1683	----	Named and inc., by Massachusetts, 1683; annexed to Conn., May, 1749
Essex	Middlesex	1852	Saybrook	Sept. 13, 1852, as Old Saybrook; taken from Saybrook. Name changed, July 8, 1854 to Essex
Fairfield	Fairfield	1639	----	Settled, 1639; named 1645; included in Connecticut Colony, May, 1685
Farmington	Hartford	1645	----	Inc. and named, Dec., 1645. The Town of Farmington, Borough of Unionville and Borough of Farmington were consolidated in 1947
Franklin	New London	1786	Norwich	May, 1786; taken from Norwich
Glastonbury	Hartford	1690	Wethersfield	May, 1693; taken from Wethersfield
Goshen	Litchfield	1739	----	Oct., 1739
Granby	Hartford	1786	Simsbury	Oct., 1786; taken from Simsbury
Greenwich	Fairfield	1665	Stamford	Settled, 1640, submitted to Connecticut, Oct. 6, 1656
Griswold	New London	1815	Preston	Oct., 1815; taken from Preston
Groton	New London	1705	New London	May 10, 1705; taken from New London
Guilford	New Haven	1643	----	Settled, 1639; named, July 6, 1643

Haddam	Middlesex	1668	----	Oct. 8, 1668
Hamden	New Haven	1786	New Haven	May, 1786; taken from New Haven
Hampton	Windham	1786	Windham, Pomfret, Brooklyn, Canterbury,	Oct., 1786; taken from Windham, Pomfret, Brooklyn, Canterbury and Mansfield
Hartford	Hartford	1635	----	Settled in 1635; inc., 1784; city inc., May, 1784. Town and city consolidated, April, 1896
Hartland	Hartford	1761	----	May, 1761
Harwinton	Litchfield	1737	----	Oct., 1737
Hebron	Tolland	1708	----	May 26, 1708
Kent	Litchfield	1739	----	Oct., 1739
Killingly	Windham	1708	----	May, 1708
Killingworth	Middlesex	1667		Named, May, 1667
Lebanon	New London	1700	----	Oct., 1700
Ledyard	New London	1836	Groton	June, 1836; taken from Groton
Lisbon	New London	1786	Norwich	May, 1786; taken from Norwich
Litchfield	Litchfield	1719	----	May, 1719
Lyme	New London	1667	Saybrook	Named, May, 1667; set off from Saybrook, now Deep River, in 1665
Madison	New Haven	1826	Guilford	May, 1826, taken from Guilford

Manchester	Hartford	1823	East Hartford	May, 1823; taken from East Hartford
Mansfield	Tolland	1702	Windham	Oct., 1702; taken from Windham
Marlborough	Hartford	1803	Colchester, Glastonbury, Hebron	Oct., 1803; taken from Colchester, Glastonbury and Hebron
Meriden	New Haven	1806	Wallingford	May, 1806; taken from Wallingford. City inc., May, 1867. Town and city consolidated, Jan. 1, 1922
Middlebury	New Haven	1807	Waterbury, Woodbury, Southbury	Oct., 1807; taken from Waterbury, Woodbury and Southbury
Middlefield	Middlesex	1866	Middletown	June, 1866; taken from Middletown
Middletown	Middlesex	1651	----	Town inc., Sept. 11, 1651, named, Nov. 1653; city inc., 1784, town and city consolidated, 1923
Milford	New Haven	1639	----	Settled in 1639, under New Haven; named, Nov. 24, 1640; united with Connecticut Colony, 1664. Inc. as a city, June 15, 1959. Town and city consolidated, 1959
Monroe	Fairfield	1823	Huntington	May, 1823; taken from Huntington (now Shelton)
Montville	New London	1786	New London	Oct. 12, 1786; taken from New London
Morris	Litchfield	1859	Litchfield	June, 1859; taken from Litchfield

Naugatuck	New Haven	1844	Waterbury, Bethany, Oxford	May, 1844; taken from Waterbury, Bethany and Oxford. Borough and town consolidated, 1895
New Britain	Hartford	1850	Berlin	May, 1850; taken from Berlin. City inc., 1871. Town and City consolidated, April, 1905
New Canaan	Fairfield	1801	Norwalk, Stamford	May, 1801; taken from Norwalk and Stamford
New Fairfield	Fairfield	1740	----	May 1740
New Hartford	Litchfield	1738	----	Oct., 1738
New Haven	New Haven	1638	----	Settled, April, 1638; named, Aug., 1640; Inc., 1784; town and city consolidated, Nov., 1895
New London	New London	1646	----	Settled, 1646; named, March 11, 1658. Inc., Jan., 1784. Town and city are co-extensive
New Milford	Litchfield	1712	----	Oct., 1712
Newington	Hartford	1871	Wethersfield	July 10, 1871; taken from Wethersfield
Newtown	Fairfield	1711	----	Oct., 1711
Norfolk	Litchfield	1758	----	Oct., 1758
North Branford	New Haven	1831	Branford	May, 1831; taken from Branford
North Canaan	Litchfield	1858	Canaan	May, 1858; taken from Canaan
North Haven	New Haven	1786	New Haven	Oct., 1786; taken from New Haven

North Stonington	New London	1807	Stonington	May, 1807; taken from Stonington
Norwalk	Fairfield	1651	----	Sept. 11, 1651. Town and city consolidated, Oct., 1913
Norwich	New London	1662	----	Settled, 1659; accepted as legal township, May, 1662; city inc., May, 1784; town and city consolidated, Jan. 1, 1952
Old Lyme	New London	1855	Lyme	off from Saybrook, February 13, 1665; Inc., May, 1855, as South Lyme; taken from Lyme; name changed in 1857
Old Saybrook	Middlesex	1854	Old Saybrook (i.e., the modern Essex)	July 8, 1854
Orange	New Haven	1822	Milford, New Haven	May, 1822, taken from Milford and New Haven
Oxford	New Haven	1798	Derby, Southbury	Oct., 1798; taken from Derby and Southbury
Plainfield	Windham	1699	----	as Quinabaug, May, 1699; named Plainfield, Oct., 1700
Plainville	Hartford	1869	Farmington	July, 1869; taken from Farmington
Plymouth	Litchfield	1795	Watertown	May, 1795; taken from Watertown
Pomfret	Windham	1713	----	Named and inc., May, 1713
Portland	Middlesex	1841	Chatham	May, 1841; taken from Chatham
Preston	New London	1687	----	Oct., 1687
Prospect	New Haven	1827	Cheshire, Waterbury	May, 1827; taken from Cheshire and Waterbury

Putnam	Windham	1855	Thompson, Pomfret, Killingly	Town inc., May, 1855; taken from Thompson, Pomfret and Killingly. City inc., Jan., 1895. Town and city consolidated, Nov. 8, 1983. The city is a Special Service Dist.
Redding	Fairfield	1767	Fairfield	May, 1767; taken from Fairfield
Ridgefield	Fairfield	1709	----	Settled, 1708; inc., Oct., 1709; town and borough consolidated, May 11, 1921
Rocky Hill	Hartford	1843	Wethersfield	May, 1843; taken from Wethersfield
Roxbury	Litchfield	1796	Woodbury	Oct., 1796; taken from Woodbury
Salem	New London	1819	Colchester, Lyme, Montville	May 5, 1819; taken from Colchester, Lyme and Montville
Salisbury	Litchfield	1741	----	Oct., 1741
Scotland	Windham	1857	Windham	May, 1857; taken from Windham
Seymour	New Haven	1850	Derby	May, 1850; taken from Derby
Sharon	Litchfield	1739	----	Oct., 1739
Shelton	Fairfield	1789	Stratford	Jan., 1789; taken from Stratford; city inc., 1915; town and city of Shelton, co-extensive
Sherman	Fairfield	1802	New Fairfield	Oct., 1802; taken from New Fairfield
Simsbury	Hartford	1670	----	Named, May, 1670
Somers	Tolland	1734	Enfield	Named, July, 1734; annexed to Connecticut, May, 1749

South Windsor	Hartford	1845	East Windsor	May, 1845; taken from East Windsor
Southbury	New Haven	1787	Woodbury	May, 1787; taken from Woodbury
Southington	Hartford	1779	Farmington	Oct., 1779; taken from Farmington. Town and borough consolidated, 1947
Sprague	New London	1861	Lisbon, Franklin	May, 1861; acquired from Lisbon and Franklin
Stafford	Tolland	1719	----	Settled, 1719
Stamford	Fairfield	1641	----	Settled, 1641, under New Haven jurisdiction; named Town of Stamford in 1642; submitted to Connecticut, Oct., 1662; in 1893, the City of Stamford, comprising central portion of Town of Stamford, was incorporated. Henceforth, City of Stamford became a composite part of Town of Stamford, resulting in two separate governments—the Town of Stamford and City of Stamford. Town and City of Stamford were consolidated on April 15, 1949 and named City of Stamford
Sterling	Windham	1794	Voluntown	May 4, 1794; taken from Voluntown
Stonington	New London	1662	----	Settled, 1649; named, 1666
Stratford	Fairfield	1639	----	Settled, 1639
Suffield	Hartford	1674	----	May, 1674, by Massachusetts; annexed to Connecticut, May, 1749

Thomaston	Litchfield	1875	Plymouth	July, 1875; taken from Plymouth
Thompson	Windham	1785	Killingly	May, 1785; taken from Killingly
Tolland	Tolland	1715	----	Named, May 1715. Inc., May, 1722
Torrington	Litchfield	1740	----	Inc. as a town, Oct. 1740; inc. as a city, Oct. 1, 1923. Town and city consolidated, 1923
Trumbull	Fairfield	1797	Stratford	Oct., 1797; taken from Stratford
Union	Tolland	1734	----	Oct., 1734
Vernon	Tolland	1808	Bolton	Town inc., Oct., 1808; taken from Bolton. City of Rockville inc., Jan., 1889. Town of Vernon and City of Rockville consolidated, July 1, 1965
Voluntown	New London	1721	----	May, 1721
Wallingford	New Haven	1670	New Haven	Named, May, 1670. Town and borough consolidated, Jan. 1, 1958
Warren	Litchfield	1786	Kent	May, 1786; taken from Kent
Washington	Litchfield	1779	Woodbury, Litchfield, Kent, New Milford	Jan., 1779; taken from Woodbury, Litchfield, Kent and New Milford
Waterbury	New Haven	1686	----	Town inc., May, 1686; city inc., 1853; town and city consolidated, 1902
Waterford	New London	1801	New London	Oct., 1801; taken from New London

Watertown	Litchfield	1780	Waterbury	May, 1780; taken from Waterbury
West Hartford	Hartford	1854	Hartford	May, 1854; taken from Hartford
West Haven	New Haven	1921	Orange	June 24, 1921; taken from Orange; inc. as a city, June 27, 1961
Westbrook	Middlesex	1840	Saybrook	May, 1840; taken from Saybrook (Deep River)
Weston	Fairfield	1787	Fairfield	Oct., 1787; taken from Fairfield, Inc., 1845, the town was divided and Easton was taken from Weston
Westport	Fairfield	1835	Fairfield, Norwalk, Weston	May 28, 1835; taken from Fairfield, Norwalk and Weston
Wethersfield	Hartford	1634	----	Settled, 1634; named, 1637; inc., May, 1822
Willington	Tolland	1727	----	May, 1727
Wilton	Fairfield	1802	Norwalk	May, 1802; taken from Norwalk
Winchester	Litchfield	1771	----	May, 1771
Windham	Windham	1692	----	Town inc., May, 1692. City of Willimantic inc., Jan. 1893. Town of Windham and City of Willimantic consolidated July 1, 1983
Windsor	Hartford	1633	----	Settled, Sept. 26, 1633; named, Feb., 1637
Windsor Locks	Hartford	1854	Windsor	May, 1854; taken from Windsor

Wolcott	New Haven	1796	Waterbury, Southington	May, 1796; taken from Waterbury and Southington
Woodbridge	New Haven	1784	New Haven, Milford	Jan., 1784; taken from New Haven and Milford
Woodbury	Fairfield	1673	----	Named, May, 1673
Woodstock	Windham	1690	----	Settled, 1686; named New Roxbury; name changed, March, 1690, to Woodstock. Annexed to Conn., May, 1749