Handout 1A

Abolishing the Peculiar Institution: The Slavery Debate in the United States and in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Slavery in the United States Timeline

Use the timeline found at https://www.sutori.com/story/slavery-in-the-united-states-6400 to answer the following questions.

1) How long did slavery exist within America?

2) What challenges to the institution of slavery arose during its existence? How did these events challenge the institution?

3) What events legitimized the institution of slavery? How so?