Handout 1K

**Analysis Questions for Women Abolitionist Sources**

Each group has a source written by a woman involved in the Massachusetts abolition movement. Each group will complete the questions 1-5. Once all groups have completed their questions, new groups will be created with one representative from each group. Each representative should share the questions below. Once everyone has shared their source, discuss questions 6-8 and write a response to each.

1) Summarize your source. Overall, what is its main message about the abolition movement?

2) Based on the content of your source, is it clear that your source is written by a women? Why or why not?

3) What is the specific audience for your source? Given that audience, how does your source appeal to women specifically?
4) Why was it necessary to appeal to women separately? What does your source tell you about how their opinions may be different from that of men?

5) If you were a citizen of Massachusetts at the time, how would this source inform your opinions of slavery and the abolitionist movement?

Questions 6-8 are to be completed with group of representatives from other sources.

6) Now that you have heard from other groups, list the methods used to appeal to women.

7) Which source do you think was most effective in appealing to women? Why?

8) Could these sources also succeed in gaining male support for the abolitionist cause? Why or why not?