

Guiding Questions

Name _____

Document A

1. Who wrote this document? When and where was it published? What kind of publication is it?
2. Describe Nat Turner according to himself.
3. Describe Nat Turner according to Gray's introduction and conclusion notes.
4. Is there a contradiction between Turner and Gray's description? How and why?
5. Is this a trustworthy source? Does this account of Turner's character seem believable? Explain.

Document B

1. Who wrote this document? When and where was it published? What kind of publication is it?
2. Who is the author of his article speaking to? How do you know this? How does his **audience** affect what he says and how he says it?
3. According to the author of this article, what kind of person is Nat Turner? Think about when this article was written: How might its publication date affect how the author represents Turner? Refer to your timeline if necessary.
4. Is this a trustworthy source? Explain.

Document C

1. Who wrote this document? When? How long after the Turner rebellion was this document written?
2. Who is the author of this document speaking to? How does his **audience** affect what he says and how he says it?
3. According to the author of this speech, what kind of person is Nat Turner? What proof does he provide to illustrate that Turner is this type of person?
4. Why does this author think of Nat Turner in this way? Think about when this article was written: How does the author's historical context shape how he thinks of and represents Turner?
5. Is this interpretation of Turner trustworthy? Why or why not?

In the space below, use information from all three documents to answer the question:
What kind of person was Nat Turner?