**Founders & Slavery**

***Assessment***

**40pts**

After completing this lesson, students should be able to write brief (1-2 paragraphs) answers to any of the following questions:

* What did Thomas Jefferson mean when he wrote to John Holmes, “we have the wolf by the ears”?
* Why did John Jay and other founders believe that slavery was “an inconsistency not to be excused”?
* By what means did George Washington and other founders wish to see slavery ended in the United States?
* What were the obstacles to emancipation, according to many of the American founders?
* What did Thomas Jefferson mean when he wrote to Henri Gregoire, “Because Sir Isaac Newton was superior to others in understanding, he was not therefore lord of the person or property of others”?
* What were the views of founders regarding the character and intellectual abilities of slaves?
* Why did the slave population increase in some states and decrease in others between 1790 and 1810?
* What actions were taken in the original thirteen states either to eliminate or perpetuate slavery?