

1793 Act to Limit Slavery Analysis Questions

Preamble

1. Who introduced the bill?
2. What is the full title of the bill?
3. On what date did it come into effect?
4. How will this bill help to abolish slavery? Why?
5. What part of the Act for encouraging new settlers in His Majesty's colonies and Plantations in America would the 1793 Act to Limit Slavery repeal?
6. What would this Act make illegal for the Lieutenant-Governor to do?
7. What would happen to slaves who were brought into Upper Canada after the passing of this Act?
8. How long could a contract of indenture last?

Section II

1. What did this Act NOT do?

Section III

1. Describe the situation of a child born to an enslaved mother.
2. What would happen when an enslaved child turned 25 years old?
3. Why do you think slave owners were now obligated by law to register the birth of each child born of an enslaved mother?
4. What fine would have to be paid if a birth was not registered?

Section IV

1. What legal recourse did a slave have?
2. What responsibility did a Justice of the Peace have in enforcing the 1793 Act to Limit Slavery?

Section V

1. Explain what is meant by good and sufficient security? Why do you think it was important to include this clause?

Student Worksheet

Name: _____

Perspective on abolition:

People who would hold this viewpoint:

Reasons they would use to support their perspective: