Legacy of Slavery Unit Overview

This unit is about reexamining the institution of slavery in the United States. An institution which has greatly influenced the development and present power dynamics of our country is still largely misunderstood by many in our nation. This unit provides you the opportunity to reexamine this institution with more depth in hopes of having a deeper understanding of it. You will be asked to combine background information from selected articles and films with the core text, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

This unit also provides you the opportunity to research a specific aspect of slavery, and the present your research to the class utilizing multi-media. This allows you to engage in the process of constructing your own interpretation of the history of slavery.

You will work in groups to research the impact of the legacy of slavery in a particular decade in the following list of disciplines: Poetry/Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Non-Fiction, Film/Theatre. You will then organize your research (both written and visual) into a powerful PowerPoint presentation to share with the class. Finally, you will make connections between what you have learned and your own life experience in a reflective essay.