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## The Fugitive Slave Act RAFT

R – Role of the writer. Who are you as the writer?

A - Audience. To whom are you writing?

F – Format. What form will the writing take

T – Topic. What is the subject or the point of the piece?

You are a Northerner who is outraged by the Fugitive Slave Act. You decide to write an editorial for your local newspaper to explain the reasons you are against the Fugitive Slave Act

In the letter you need to write about the following:

- Set up the readers – explain what the Fugitive slave Act is
- Explain your point – Why is the Act wrong? Give moral and legal reasons.
- Use real examples of those hurt by the act
- Tell the readers what to do – how should they help the situation? Write Congress? Form mobs?

Your letter needs to be

- At least a page long
- Typed
- Double spaced
- 12 pt. font

Please remember

- You are writing an argument -- be persuasive!
- It is the 1800s – do not use modern slang words
- You have no idea what is going to happen in the future
- Use your Rubric to get every point possible

## The Fugitive Slave Act RAFT Rubric

Project Benchmarks	Points
<b>Content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explains the Fugitive Slave Act</li> <li>• Makes an argument for why the Act is wrong</li> <li>• Uses examples of those hurt by the Act</li> <li>• Tells the reader how to help the situation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• /2</li> <li>• /2</li> <li>• /2</li> <li>• /2</li> </ul>
<b>Writing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grammar</li> <li>• Structure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• /2</li> <li>• /2</li> </ul>
<b>RAFT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role</li> <li>• Audience</li> <li>• Format</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• /2</li> <li>• /2</li> <li>• /2</li> </ul>
<b>Requirements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least a page</li> <li>• Typed</li> <li>• Double spaced</li> <li>• 12 pt. font</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• /1</li> <li>• /1</li> <li>• /1</li> <li>• /1</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>/22</b>

### Point Scale

2	Excellent
1	Meets the benchmark
0	Misses the benchmark or gives incorrect information

Additional comments: