



*The Missing Chapter:
Untold Stories of the African American Presence in the Mid-Hudson Valley*
1838

Run-Away Activity Sheet

Use all of the documents in your packet to fill in the following chart:

Date of Notice	Age of Slave	Month of Escape	Town Escaped From	Languages Spoken	Types of Skills

1. Using the *Glossary of Terms*, choose four words from the Run-away Slave Notices that are unfamiliar. Define them.

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2. What is the date range of the notices? _____

3. What is the average age of the slaves mentioned in the notices? _____

4. Why do you think slaves choose the months they did to flee? _____

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5. How would the skills slaves possessed help them in their flight to freedom?

6. Describe some of the clothing slaves wore when they escaped. Why do you think the writers of these ads used such detailed descriptions of these clothes? _____

7. What can you tell about how some slaveholders treated their slaves? How do you know this? _____

8. What consequences might a captured fugitive slave face ?

