

Schuyler Mansion Resource Guide

College Level (Introductory level History Course)

Compelling Question: Can everyone be treated fairly within a social hierarchy?

Documents and Readings:

Bet's Confession

Philip Schuyler's Letter to son John Broadstreet Schuyler dated November 22, 1793

"For Sale" from the *American Minerva* December 9, 1793

Albany Register January 13, 1794

Albany Register January 20, 1794

Albany Register January 27, 1794

Albany Register March 17, 1794

Annals of Albany, Vol. III pp. 160-164 by Munsell

Gerlach, D. (1977, March). "Black Arson in Albany, New York, November 1793,"

Journal of Black Studies 7(3): 301-312.

Great Albany Fire of 1793

Video:

Dramatic Presentation: *The Accused* (Fictionalized account based on historical evidence)

Conduct a Socratic Seminar focused on the compelling question: Can everyone be treated fairly within a social hierarchy? Students must use evidence from the primary and secondary sources to support all comments made in the Socratic Seminar. At the conclusion of the discussion, each student generates at least one question for further research related to the Albany Fire of 1793. After conducting their research, students write either an argumentative or informative paper in which they answer their self-generated research question.