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Assessment with Primary Sources	
Grade Level:	Grade 6
Standard(s) or	CCSS.RI. 6. 2- Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed
Objectives:	through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from
	personal opinions or judgments.
	CCSS.RI.6. 1- Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text
	says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Accordent with Drimary Sources

Library of Congress:



To Working Men. The war is now, thanks to Gen's Grant, Sherman and other heroes of the Glorious Army and Navy. , n.d. (1864 Election)

Specific Pages Used: http://www.loc.gov/item/scsm000701/ http://www.loc.gov/resource/lprbscsm.scsm0701/

Topic Background:

The south are in favor of slavery and they try to take over northern territories and promote slavery in these states. The advertisement which is referring to the working men asks them to stop the war and put an end to slavery in the south.

Source(s) Used:

The source used for this assessment includes an advertisement which is to the working men in the northern states asking them to stop the south from fighting for slavery.

Multiple Choice Answer Key:

Question 1 – D Question 2 – A TO WORKING MEN.

The war is now, thanks to Genl's Grant, Sherman and other heroes of our Glorious Army and Navy, nearly brought to a successful end. The Rebels wish you to elect a man who will stop the war, and give them a chance to prepare for it again, in such a way as to give them the advantage.

You remember the prize fight between Heenan and Sayers, when Sayers was nearly used up, his friends outside the ring interposed a "Cessation of Hostilities." That is just what the Chicago Convention men want to do for the South now.

The South fights for Slavery. If the South succeeds, the African Slave Trade will be opened again. Do you want any more Negroes in this country? While they are slaves, they do not consume anything that you earn your money by making. As slaves they are of no use at all to you. As free men they are of use to you, for they consume part of your products, thus helping your business.

The South wants to spread Slavery all over our Great Territories. This would shut out from those lands, you and your children; for where Slavery is, free labor is not profitable. Do you want to shut yourselves and your offspring OUT from great tracts of country, where land gives a sure living and costs but a dollar an acre?

Do not be deceived. If you will but think earnestly of it, you must see that the cause of Liberty is your own cause. The Southerners hold you in contempt; but they fear your might. Their friends in the North are trying to wind their nets about you, and they dare not say of you, what their Southern friends, at a safe distance say continually.

Gen'l McClellan'is a tool in the hands of these men. They manage him to suit themselves. THEY WILL BETRAY YOU! True Democrats and true men are for Freedom and against Aristocracy.

- 1. Which statement from the article best represents a central idea? (CCSS-RI.6.2)
 - A. "As free men they are of use to you, for they consume part of your products, thus helping your business. "
 - B. "..that the cause of liberty is your own cause."
 - C. "while they are slaves, they do not consume anything that you earn your money by making."
 - D. "The South fights for slavery. If the south succeeds, the African Slave Trade will be opened again. Do you want any more Negros in this country?"
- 2. According to the article what is General McClellan's stance on slavery? (CCSS.RI.6.1)
 - A. He is in support of slavery and wants to bring slavery to the northern territories.
 - B. He is against slavery and wants southern people to stop enslaving people.
 - C. He is against slavery and wants to stop free labor by staring a war in the south.
 - D. He is in support of slavery and wants to bring slavery to the southern territories.