# United States History Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mini-Project: Making an Antislavery Newspaper Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You are going to design your own anti-slavery newspaper, using *The Liberator* as inspiration.

STEPS FOR COMPLETION

* Using Word, Powerpoint, or Publisher, open up a blank slide or file.
* Come up with a name for your newspaper and design a heading that includes your name (as publisher), your location, a motto, and a price. This goes at the top.
* Write short articles about (choose any three):
  1. A slave who has escaped to the North and wants to tell his or her experiences.
  2. Efforts to get slaveholders to give up their slaves without compensation.
  3. An example of the brutality of slavery in the South (a whipping, a beating, families broken up by slave sales, mother and child separated, a slave who has poisoned his or her master because of abuse, or how the South silences free speech about slavery by censoring anti-slavery mail or abusing anti-slavery speakers).
  4. Notice of an anti-slavery meeting and items to be discussed at the meeting.
  5. Recommendations for how to convince your neighbors to join an anti-slavery society.
  6. Efforts to get the United States Congress to abolish slave trading in Washington, D.C. or to prevent Texas from being admitted to the Union because it is a slave state (most efforts involved petitions from anti-slave societies). William L. Garrison did once burn a copy of the Constitution because it was a “covenant with death and an agreement with Hell.”
  7. Notice/account of an anti-slavery speech by a prominent escaped slave such as Frederick Douglass. (Use actual words from these speakers if you can find them).
  8. Bible verses and quotes to encourage people to be anti-slavery or to fight for freedom and liberty, with discussions of how these verses apply to anti-slavery.
* Illustrations to accompany your three stories. Search for abolition, anti-slavery, William L. Garrison, Frederick Douglass, or any other anti-slavery search terms to find suitable images.

Once you have made your masthead (the top of the newspaper), written your stories, and selected your images, put them all together in a visually appealing way. Proof-read your work before you attach it to an email and send it to Dr. King-Owen ([scott.king-owen@bexleyschools.org](mailto:scott.king-owen@bexleyschools.org)). Print one copy to hand in.