

Exercise walk-through

African Americans in the Early Republic ■ 4.12

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You must be able to

- state what the CED says about antislavery efforts in the South
- state the two things enslaved and free African Americans created
- state what they joined
- explain why the CED records creation as well as resistance

Method — In the South

Antislavery efforts in the South were largely limited to unsuccessful rebellions by enslaved people. “Largely” and “unsuccessful” — the CED reports both the limit and the outcome without denying the effort.

Method — What was created

Enslaved blacks and free African Americans created communities and strategies to protect their dignity and family structures. Communities and strategies — one is a structure, the other a practice.

Method — Political effort

They joined political efforts aimed at changing their status. Not only endurance and not only rebellion: organised political action.

Method — Creation as well as resistance

A history recording only what was done to people leaves them without agency. The CED's verbs here — created, protect, joined — are all active, and reproducing them is part of writing the period accurately.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State what the CED says about antislavery efforts in the South.

Solution 2.1

Method: In the South

Worked steps

they were largely limited to rebellions by enslaved people **B1**, which were unsuccessful **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State the two things African Americans created and what they protected.

Solution 2.2

Method: What was created

Worked steps

communities and strategies **B1**, to protect their dignity and family structures **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 3 marks

The CED's verbs are active.

(a) Name three.

(b) State what a history recording only what was done to people loses.

Solution 2.3

Method: Creation as well as resistance

Worked steps

(a) created; protect; joined **B3**. (b) the agency of the people it describes **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED describes Southern antislavery efforts as largely limited to

A unsuccessful rebellions by enslaved people

B newspaper campaigns

C legislative action

D nothing at all

Solution 3.1

Method: In the South

A unsuccessful rebellions by enslaved people



B newspaper campaigns

C legislative action

D nothing at all

Worked steps

A. unsuccessful rebellions.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

African Americans joined

- A** political efforts aimed at changing their status
- B** the Whig party only
- C** no organisations
- D** the Awakening only

Solution 3.2

Method: What was created

A political efforts aimed at changing their status



B the Whig party only

C no organisations

D the Awakening only

Worked steps

A. political efforts.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A community maintains its family structures under a system designed to break them.

- (a) State what this is.
- (b) Explain why the CED records it.

Solution 3.3

Method: What was created

Worked steps

(a) a strategy to protect dignity and family structures **B1**. (b) an account of the period that reports only what was done to enslaved people **B1** would omit what they themselves built and defended **B1**.