Teacher Page: Resource Sheet #14


Document Analysis:

1. This is a drawing of a slave quarters that existed at Monticello. How is it different than other residences that you have seen for slaves?
   This structure seems more lavish, larger and well built than other cabins at Monticello. There are more windows and seemingly better materials.

2. It appears that Jefferson made many changes to the design and architecture of the building. Why might that be so?
   Jefferson prides himself on his talents for architecture and creativity. As he did with Monticello, he made many changes to achieve design features and appearance.

3. What slaves may have been permitted to live in a residence such as this? What might their jobs have been?
   Slaves of privilege, domestic servants, and family members may have lived in a home of this stature. They might have worked directly for the family, cook, kept the house, or taken care of the children.

4. Does this document lead you to believe that Jefferson was a tough and perhaps ruthless master or kind and generous?
   Based on this source, Jefferson was a kind, generous slave master who provided his slave property with a comfortable lifestyle.