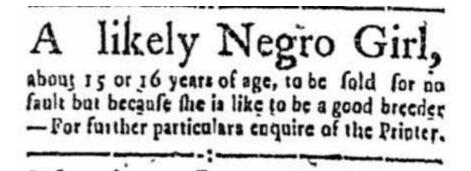
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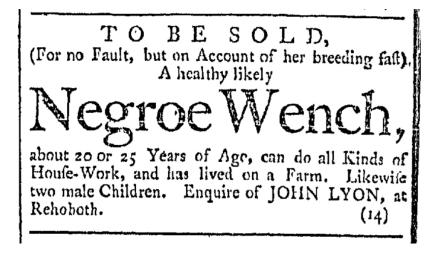
Read and analyze the documents below.

- → What inferences can be drawn from these primary sources about how the value of enslaved women changed between the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries?
- → What inferences can be drawn from these primary sources regarding how the lives of enslaved women changed after 1808?

Primary Document 1: February 27, 1773, placed by Dr. William Jepson



Primary Document 2: March 2, 1768, Providence Gazette



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Primary Document 3: (Pay particular attention to #29)

| | EXTENSIVE SALE OF |
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| | CHOICE SLAVES Comprising Field Hands, Mechanics and House Servants, AT THE ST. LOUIS HOTEL |
| | By C. E. GIRARDEY & CO., OFFICE, 87 MAGAZINE STREET. |
| | ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1859, At the ST. LOUIS EXCHANGE, commencing immediately after the succession sales, will be SOLD AT AUCTION, the following valuable Slaves to wit: |
| ** | AUGUSTIN, black, creole, aged 17 years, very likely, No. 1 field hand. HENRY, black, aged 21 years, very likely, No. 1 field hand. FRANK black, aged 32 years, and his wife CELIA, black, aged 30 years, both field hands. BILL, black, aged 10 years, No. 1 field hand. LOUISA, black, aged 16 years, good child's nurse and house servant, speaks French |
| | JUDY, black, 24 years, good cook, excellent washer and ironer, country raised. JOE, black, 21 years, fair engineer, and practical Saw-Mill man. JANE, black, 18 years, Seamstress and House Servant. MARIA, black, 15 years, Field Hand and House Servant. PRESCILLA, black, 16 years, Field Hand and House Servant. KIZZIE, do. 17 do. do. do. DAN, do. 16 do. do. |
| | 14. BARRY, do. 16 do. do. do. 15. EMILY, do. 19 do. House Servant. 16. ISAAC, do. 26 do. Field Hand. 17. LOUISA, do. 9 do. Orphan. 18. BURWELL, do. 15 do. Field Hand, Runaway. 19. HENRY, do. 11 do. do. 12 These two are sold subject to the certificates of Dr. 20. NED, do. 19 do. do. 10. These two are sold subject to the certificates of Dr. 21. JOHN multifies accol 16 to cover the sound but guaranteed in title year. The sound but guaranteed in title year. |
| | JOHN, mulatto, aged 16 years, raised by T. J. Casey, Esq., an accomplished House and Dining Room Servant. JANE, black, aged about 25 years, a firstrate Seamstress and good Washer and Ironer, and her son BEN, black, aged 3 years. THERESA, black, aged 22 years, Creole, speaks French and English, good Cook, |
| | Washer and Ironer. 25. MATILDA, dark griff, aged about 40 years, excellent child's Nurse, also gool Cook and Ironer, has absented herself once, otherwise fully guaranteed. 26. EDWARD, black, aged about 28 years, Creole, general Laborer. 27. BAILY, black, aged about 35 years, a superior Woodman and general Laborer. 28. JOHN, dark griff, aged about 23 years, a first class Waiter and House Servant. |
| | Creole, speaks French and English. 29. RACHEL, black, aged 19 years, a superior House Servant, good Seamstress, and fair Cook, Washer and Ironer, and Hair Dresser, raised in the city. Her mensus are irregular, otherwise fully guaranteed. 30. BOB, black, aged 43 years, No. I Field Hand, and his wife |
| | 31. JANS, black, 36 do. do. do. do. 32. WINNEY, do. 14 do. do. do. do. 33. MARY, do. 12 do. do. do. do. 33. MARY, do. 12 do. do. do. do. 34. HENRY do. 0 do. do. do. 34. HENRY do. 0 do. do. |
| | 36. ALEXANDER, black, aged 24 years, an accomplished Carriage Driver, House and Dining Room Servant, The above are all fully guaranteed, with exceptions stated. |
| | TERMS12 mos. Credit for approved City Acceptances, bearing 8 per cent. interest-or cash if the purchaser prefers. Acts of Sale Safore S. BARNETT and W. J. CASTELL, N. P. at the separate of the Furchases. S. BSlaves vill set be delivered under any diroumstances and items are fully compiled with. |

Broadside announcing the sale of "Choice Slaves" along with detail of Rachel, #29, who has irregular "mensus [sic]." She is discussed on page 76.

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Primary Document 4:

| TABLE 2.2 | Prices of M | fale and | Female Slaves, | 1859 and 1860 |
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| State and year | Age | Description | Price of male slave | Price of female slave |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Alabama, 1859 | 19 | | \$1,635 | |
| Georgia, 1859 | | Cotton hand, house servant | | \$1,250 |
| South Carolina, 1859 | | Field hand | \$1,555 | |
| Texas, 1859 | 17, 14 | | \$1,527 | \$1,403 |
| Alabama, 1860 | 18, 18, 18 | | | \$1,193 |
| Georgia, 1860 | 21 | Best field hand | \$1,900 | |
| Georgia, 1860 | 17 | With nine- month-old infant | | \$2,150 |
| Georgia, 1860 | | Prime, young | \$1,300 | |
| Mississippi, 1860 | | No. 1 field hand | \$1,625* | \$1,450* |
| South Carolina, 1860 | | Prime | \$1,325 | |
| South Carolina, 1860 | | Wench | | \$1,283 |
| South Carolina, 1860 | | Girl | | \$1,705 |
| Texas, 1860 | 21, 15 | | \$2,015 | \$1,635 |
| Virginia, 1860 | 17-20 | Best | \$1,350-\$1,425* | \$1,275-\$1,325* |

Source: Woodman, Slavery and the Southern Economy, 89.

*Based on average price listing.