Guiding Questions for The Confessions of Nat Turner (Use with Lesson 1)

1. Who wrote this document?

2. What is the date this document was written?

3. Where was Turner when he was giving his confession? How might his location affect what he said?

4. Why did Turner feel called to lead a revolt?

5. What was the purpose of the revolt according to Turner?

6. Why was this document written? What evidence in the document helps you know why it was written? (Quote the document).

7. What was Thomas Gray’s opinion of Turner?

8. Write a question that you would like to ask Nat Turner if you were interviewing him.