Talking Points on Various Perspectives on Rebellion (Use with Lesson 2)

Perspectives:

1. Governor Floyd and others: thought revolt the result of black preachers and Yankee agitators
2. Many Southerners: Connected the revolt to Northern abolitionists
3. Some charged Garrison with instigating the revolt.
4. Some felt the need to control slaves more strictly.
5. Some felt the need to end slavery to prevent a revolt from occurring again.
6. Some believed Turner to be a cruel, deceptive man who used religion to persuade the slaves to commit a terrible crime.
7. Some believed Turner was a true religious fanatic.
8. Some saw Turner as a leader of the black community, leading slaves to freedom.
9. Some saw Turner as motivated by pure vengeance.
10. Some whites and blacks believed Turner’s actions were evil, but that slavery still needed to be abolished and that slavery was immoral.
12. Some advocated black colonization.
13. Some advocated gradual abolition.