

## Detective's Log

### Part 1: Slave Laws



January 1639/40 - ACT X I see... I think that... I wonder...	September 1667 - ACT III I see... I think that... I wonder...	October 1670 - ACT IV I see... I think that... I wonder...	June 1680 - ACT VII I see... I think that... I wonder...	Oct. 1705 - CHAP. IV I see... I think that... I wonder...
December 1662 - ACT XII I see... I think that... I wonder...	October 1669 - ACT I I see... I think that... I wonder...	Sept. 1672 -ACT VIII I see... I think that... I wonder...	April 1699 - ACT VI I see... I think that... I wonder...	Oct. 1705 - CHAP. XXII I see... I think that... I wonder...

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### Part 2: Analytical Questions

1. Document A notes that Anthony nearly lost his life in the spring of 1622 due to a Powhatan Indian attack. Why then in 1639/40 would the Virginia Council pass law Act X prohibiting negroes from carrying arms? Would not the free negroes assist the colony should another attack occur? What questions are you asking yourself as you compare these two events?
2. Document A also informs the reader that Antonio was baptized and converted from Catholic to Protestant and given the surname Anthony Johnson sometime before 1640. Give an explanation to the 1667 Act III written in Virginia that declares the "baptism of slaves doth not exempt them from bondage." England prior to this did not allow Christians slaves to be put in bondage. What role do these laws have the future of slaves getting out of bondage if they were Christianized?
3. Anthony purchased two slaves through the head right system granted to all White gentry in Virginia. Why in 1670 would the Virginia Council declare that neither blacks nor Indians could buy christian servants when obviously they could prior to this time period?

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### Part 2: Continued

4. Acts beginning in 1669 and leading up to 1700 start to become stricter and more oppressive on slaves - the casual killing of one's slave is not acknowledged as a crime, runaways are apprehended, and punishments become harsh. What would you do if these laws were being passed and you were Anthony Johnson?
5. Anthony is acknowledged as a prominent member of the freeholder community in Northampton County when he wins his court case allowing him to keep John Casor as his slave. By 1705, African Americans are no longer allowed this right in colonial society. Why did this change occur and eventually Act XXII passed that declares all negroes as real estate?
6. Based on this investigation and what you know about Anthony, how difficult were things for him as he tried to settle in Virginia? Why did he move to Maryland and Delaware?
7. After reading "Listening to the Historians" comments, was the harsh form of slavery that we've come to know destined to occur no matter what happened? What difficulties do historians face in reconstructing history?