



Reading and Evaluating a Document

Does the article from the Cincinnati Enquirer support the premise that Cincinnati was NOT friendly to fugitive slaves, as Julius Yanack states?

“ It was not that Cincinnati itself was friendly to fugitive slaves. In southern Ohio there was marked antipathy against abolition. Antislavery sentiment triumphed at the polls in the Ohio election of 1855, and Salmon P. Chase was elected governor, but in Hamilton County, of which Cincinnati was a part, chase received only 4,518 out of 23,280 votes cast. . . . But in spite of its strongly anti-abolition electorate, Cincinnati's geographical location and efficient abolitionist organization made it a main starting point on the Underground Railroad. It was Cincinnati that the Garners hoped to reach when they set out, on that cold night in January, 1856.” Julius Yanack

Using the article from the Cincinnati Enquirer as reference, respond to the following questions:

- What is the author’s position (author’s personal view)? Give examples.
- Is the article simply factual or is opinion included? If so, cite examples?
- Is there an intention to persuade, e.g. has the reporter used propaganda techniques (bias, slant, misinformation, propaganda)? Describe.