

YELLOW FEVER WORKSHEET

Station 3: Handwriting Challenge

Read aloud the selected passage from Volume 1 of the Mayor's Letter Books and answer the following questions. Someone in your group may act as a scribe, or you may take notes here.

1. *What kind of document is this?*

2. *What is the date of the item?*

3. *List any words that you are unfamiliar with, or that you were unable to transcribe.*

4. *What is the item about? Who is it in response to?*

5. *Can you use any of the materials at other stations to find out more about the individual referenced in this item?*

6. *What can you learn about the Yellow Fever epidemic from this item? What impressions of the disease do you get? Does this item change how you think about Yellow Fever?*

Savannah October 23rd 1821

Madam

Your favour of the 10th August has just been handed to me. Upon referring to the Register of Deaths I find that Ezra Newton a native of New York aged 35 years departed this life on the 2nd day of October 1821 of the yellow fever and that he was a bricklayer by profession. I presume Madam that this is your unfortunate husband. It is impossible for me at present to ascertain whether he left property or not. The person who kept the house at which he died, and those who attended upon him are all dead, and not one left from the number to give me any information upon the subject. I will if possible ascertain and inform you at a future period

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