

Example of Freedom School Class

talk on Haitian slave revolt

I told them that the slaves revolted

French Revolution - gov't abolished slavery

English decided to invade and take over the island

"I watched faces fall all around me

They knew what was coming. They knew the story of their people well.

Negroes- former slaves could not defeat England

And then I told them that the people of Haiti succeeded in keeping the English out

I watched a smile spread slowly over a girl's face and I saw girls tense and look at me intently

Then I told them that Napoleon came to power

reinstated slavery

sent expedition to Haiti

They looked at me and their faces began to fall

But they waited hoping against hope that I would say that he did not succeed

H Then I told them that the French generals tricked the Haitian leader Toussaint to come aboard their ship. They then captured him and sent him to France.

They knew then that there was no hope. They waited for me to spell out the defeat

Former slaves, without a leader- Negroes could not defeat the great powers of the world

I told them that Haiti did keep its independence and was finally recognized as a republic.

They just smiled at each other. To think that such a little thing could mean so much.

"e then discussed why a revolution could not have occurred in Am.