John Brown Primary Source Analysis Worksheet D www.civilwar.org

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After you have read either John Starry's Testimony, John Brown's Address, or Robert E. Lee's report answer the following questions.

* By whom was this document written or spoken?

* When and where was it written? Or, when and where did the testimony take place? Do you think this was written during or a few days after the raid?

* What do you know about the author/ speaker? Was the person a raider, conspirator, eyewitness, law officer, townsperson, marine, etc.?

* Who might be reading this report or hearing this testimony or address?

* Why do you think this document was written, testimony given, or address presented?

*Besides the author or person giving testimony, what other people are mentioned?

* Are any casualties mentioned? If so, how many? Who are they?

* How does the author / speaker feel about John Brown? The other people involved? Does the author say why John Brown did what he did? If so, what is said?

* Is there any part of the document that you have questions about? If so, highlight or underline that part and write a note next to it to remind you.

Group Members: _____

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