

## ThinkSheet: How many slaves lived in Maryland?

### Some questions to think about:

1. Did the number of slaves increase or decrease through the years? Why do you think this happened?
2. How does the number of slaves in your county in a given year compare with the number of students in your school?
3. From 1790 - 1860, which counties had the most slaves? Did the same counties always have the most slaves? Explain why you think this happened.
4. From 1790 - 1860, which counties had the fewest slaves? Did the same counties always have the fewest slaves? Give some reasons why this might have happened.
5. Did more slaves live around big cities or in rural areas? Why do you think this occurred?
6. Look at the information for the county where you live. What happened to the number of slaves over the years? Can you give some reasons that this may have happened?
7. How can you use the information in the chart to find out the total number of all slaves living in Maryland in 1830?
8. The census information for 1870 doesn't list any slaves at all. Why?
9. What sources might you look at to compare the information you found here with Maryland's total population? Do you think a historian might do that? Explain.