Fighting Words: The Pamphlets of a Democratic Revolution



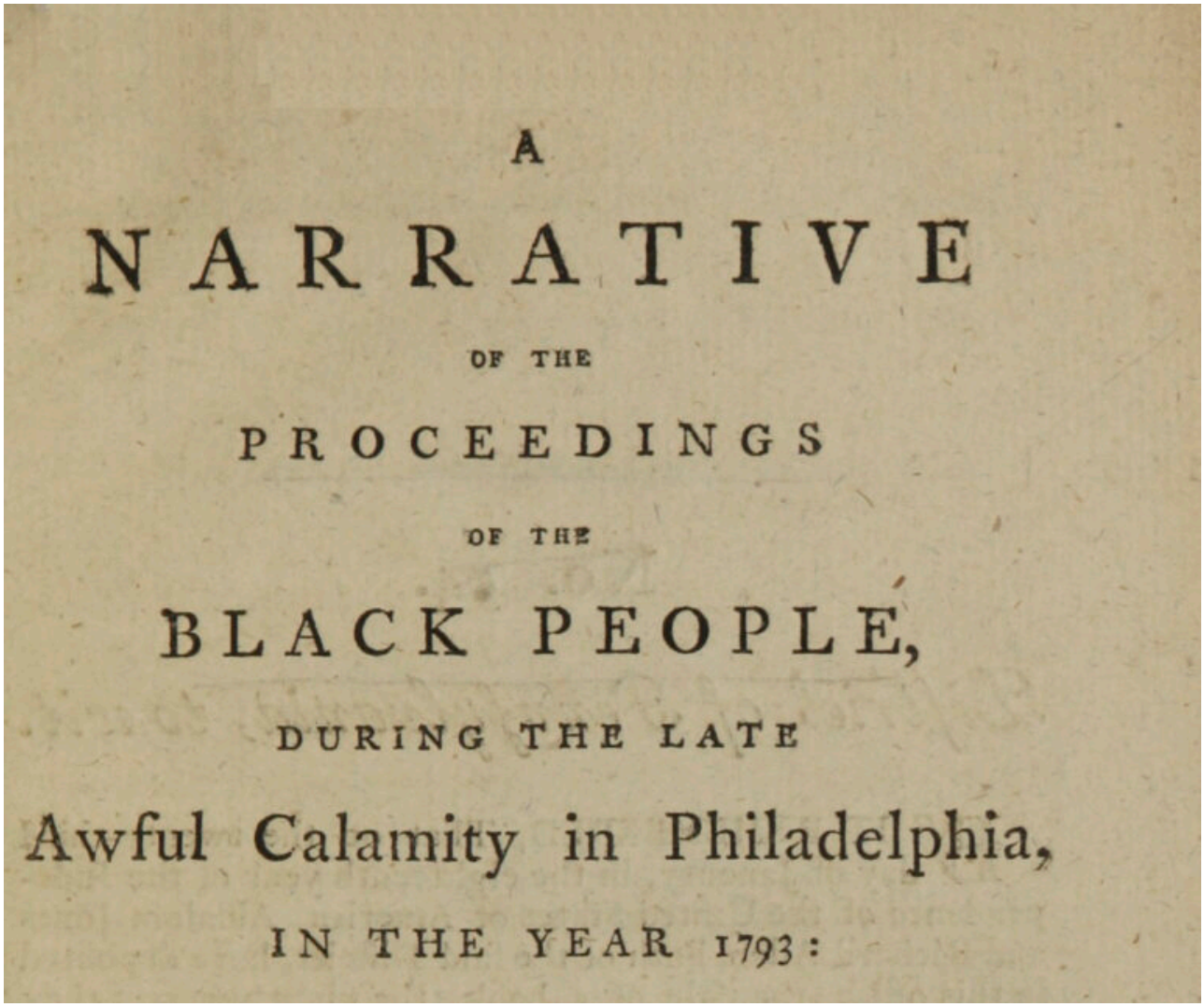
To judge from the Concord collection, the public forum of antebellum America was no model of democratic deliberation.

Tracing Material Culture Histories: A Miniature Mokuk within Networks of Indigenous Resistance



Even before the miniaturization of mokuks as souvenir items, these folded birchbark baskets served as trade items that also facilitated diplomacy between Native and colonial nations.

Teaching in Crisis with Absalom Jones and Richard Allen



For Jones and Allen, the problem was not a lack of information, but stubbornly partial accounts of that information.

Thunderbolt and Lightfoot: The American Creation of Irish Outlaw Folk Heroes



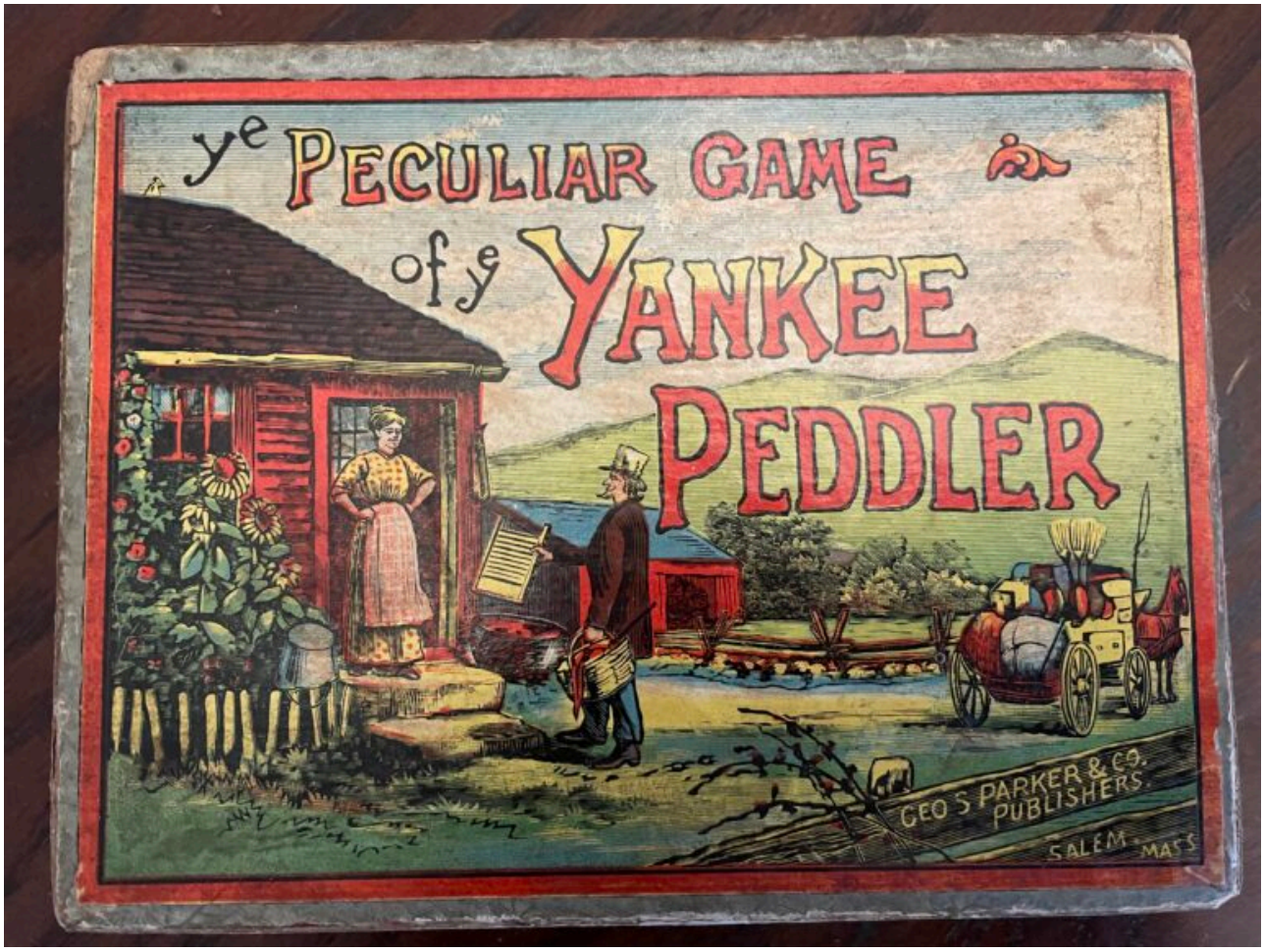
Martin’s confession relates outlaw adventures that appear to be original. But were they real?

Saline Survivance: The Life of Salt and the Limits of Colonization in the Southwest



Once highly valuable, salt affords a new look at life, environment, and sovereignty in the southwest borderlands.

The Peculiar Game of the Yankee Peddler—Or what do you buy?



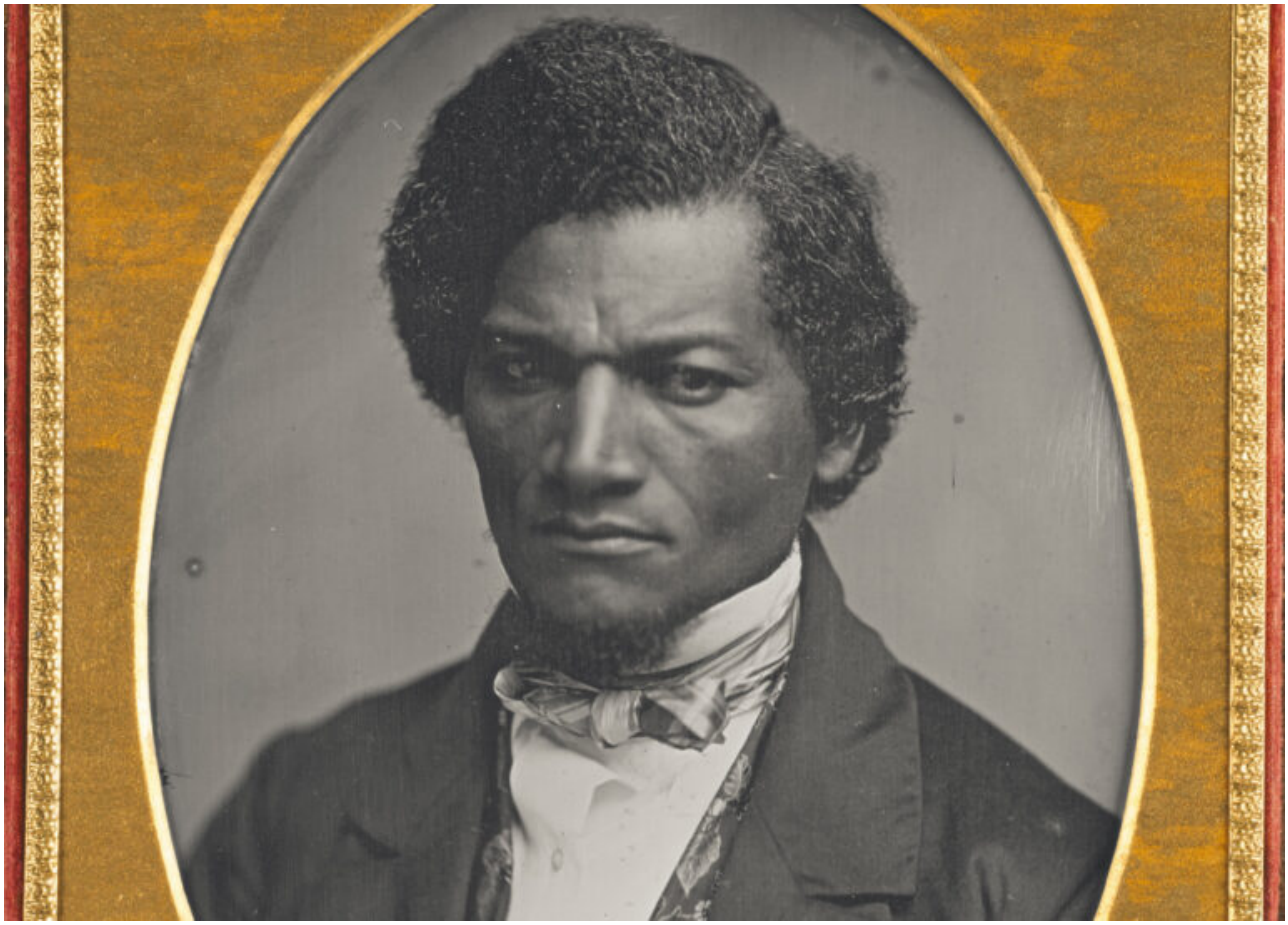
Part of the utility of the game is how many intersections can be addressed, a Choose Your Own Adventure of lesson planning.

Interposition: A State-Based Constitutional Tool That Might Help Preserve American Democracy



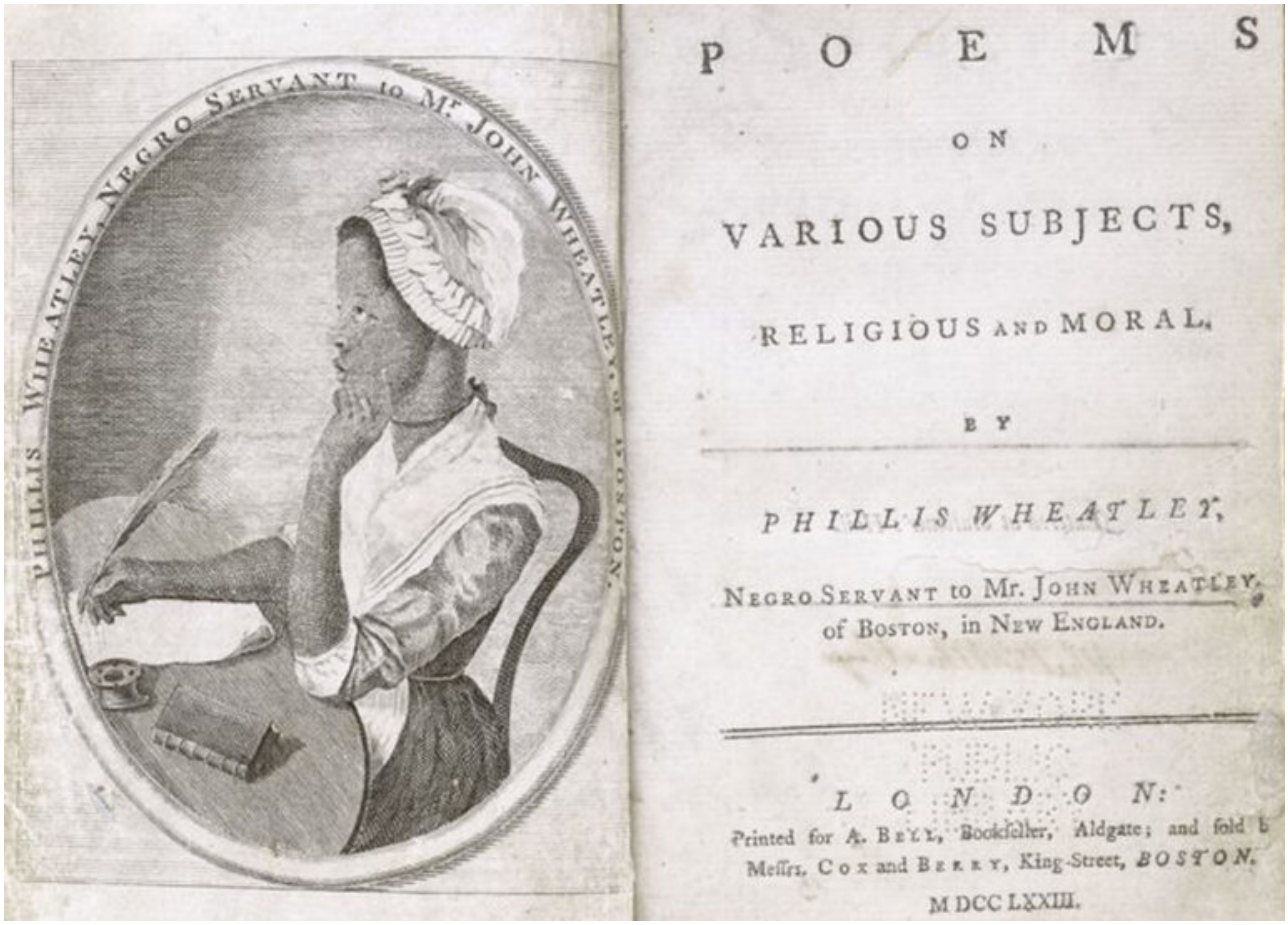
Interposition was not a claim that state sovereignty could or should displace national authority, but a claim that American federalism needed to preserve some balance between state and national authority.

[Frederick Douglass and the “Faithful Little Band of Abolitionists” in Uxbridge, Massachusetts]



This is the story of how a visit by Frederick Douglass to south-central Massachusetts, its leadup and aftermath, epitomizes the movement’s ability to spread in the region.

Phillis Wheatley’s “Mrs. W—”: Identifying the Woman Who Inspired “Ode to Neptune”



Who was that traveler? And what did she signify to the poet?

Underage Enlistment in the United States and the Confederacy



Historians have not only underestimated the sheer number of underage soldiers who fought for the Union, they have also overlooked the significance of the legal, political, and administrative battles these youths provoked.