Vigilant Committee Record of Cases
Document Questions

1. What types of services did the Vigilant Committee provide?

2. Define writ of habeas corpus:

3. Why did the constable arrest and hold the man in New Jersey? Was the constable in violation of the law? Explain.

4. What were some of the risks involved in the type of work that the Vigilant Committee carried out? How might the committee try to protect itself?

5. Why might some people pose as fugitive slaves and seek out the aid of the Vigilant Committee?