

## Building America – Historical Documents

To further understand the experiences of Jews during this time, read some of the following documents. Read and analyze two of the following documents:

- *Native Americans Visit A Jewish Trader*
- *Encounter With A Peddler*
- *The Solomons Come To America*
- *Jewish Cultural Life In Chicago*
- *From Central Europe To Keokuk, Iowa*
- *Ulysses S. Grant Expels Jews*
- *Two Jewish Views On Slavery*
- *Making A Living*

Answer the following questions for each document:

- 1) Who wrote the document? What was his or her point of view? How is this evident in the document?
- 2) Who is the intended audience? What evidence in leads you to believe this?
- 3) What is the tone of the document? Is it telling a story, or trying to persuade someone to believe a point of view?
- 4) Why was this document written? Use examples to support your answer.
- 5) What does this document tell you about Jewish life in America during this period?