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Transatlantic Slave Trade Internet Activity

Go to the following website <http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ism/slavery/index.aspx> to answer the questions below.

Africa before European Slavery

1. What types of political structures existed in Africa prior to the arrival of Europeans?

Africa before European Slavery: The Effect of Slavery in Africa

1. How did the slave trade impact cultures and peoples within Africa?
2. What is the meaning of the phrase “African diaspora”?

The Trade Triangle

1. What was the triangle trade? What things were carried along each of its three routes?

European Traders

1. Which European port was most extensively involved in the slave trade?

Life on Board Slave Ships

1. What types of conditions did slaves endure on a typical slave ship?
2. Until 1750, approximately what percentage of slaves died on the sea voyage to the Americas?

How did European governments deal with the large numbers of slave casualties on the ships?

Did it improve things? How?

Resistances

1. How did slave attempt to resist?
2. Read Captain Norris’s log from 1770. Describe what they encountered on that journey.

Do you think this was common? Why?

Arrival in the Americas

1. Describe the process to auction off slaves.
2. What did it mean to “season” slaves?

Olaudah Equiano AND Thomas Thistlewood

1. Read “Olaudah Equiano-arrival in the Americas” and “Thomas Thistlewood-sales and branding.” How do these accounts differ?

Life in Plantations

1. What types of labor were slaves expected to perform on plantations other than field work?
2. How had the role of female slaves on plantations changed by the 18th century?

Resistance and Freedom

1. What were some ways slaves resisted their enslavement?
2. What is creole culture?

Abolition of Slavery in the Americas

1. When was the slave trade outlawed in the U.S.?
2. What was the last country in the Western Hemisphere to outlaw slavery? When did this occur?
3. Did the abolition of slavery improve the lives of former slaves in the Americas? Explain your answer.

Archeology

1. How has archeology enhanced historians’ understanding of slaves’ lives? What can be learned from archeological studies that can’t be learned from examining historical documents?

Background: Why were Africans enslaved?

1. Why were more Africans enslaved over time than Native Americans?
2. What percentage of people arriving in the New World by 1820 were enslaved? Approximately how many enslaved Africans in total were brought to the New World?

The Archaeology of Transatlantic Slavery

1. What types of objects do archeologists examine to determine how slaves lived?

The St Kitts-Nevis Digital Archaeology Initiative

1. Why did the Caribbean become home to one of the largest populations of enslaved people in the world?

Slavery in the Caribbean

1. What were conditions like for slaves in a typical sugar processing facility?

Sugar Plantations: Sugar Mills

1. What purpose did sugar mills serve?

Sugar Plantations: The Boiling and Curing House

1. Describe the boiling and curing process for sugar.

Sugar Plantations: Conditions in the Sugar Works

1. Based on what you read here, why would you NOT want to work on a sugar plantation?

Slave Villages in Nevis and St Kitts

1. Describe a typical home inhabited by slaves in the Caribbean.