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## 4.6: The Atlantic Slave Trade

### **Presentation**

1. What American colony has received the most African slaves? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What group initially captured most African slaves? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Enslaved Africans would be taken from the African interior to where? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many Africans could a slave ship carry? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What industry did most African slaves in the Caribbean work in? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Reading: Slave Trade: The African Connection, ca 1788**

6. In the mid-1700s, how many Africans a year were being taken from Africa to the Americas? \_\_\_\_\_
7. List the four locations that most Africans were sent to and their percent relative to the whole slave trade.
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  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Was the slave trade profitable for Europeans in the slave trade? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Why did European slave traders rarely move beyond the coastal regions of Africa? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. How and by whom were the most slaves captured? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Describe the inspection process of Africans before they are sold into slavery. \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Explain the physical and mental hardships slaves face while awaiting their turn to be put on a slave ship.  
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### **Reading: Aboard a Slave Ship, 1829**

13. What was outlawed in 1807 by Britain and in 1808 by the United States? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Did slavery still exist within the United States after 1808? \_\_\_\_\_
15. How many slaves did the Feloz have onboard when the ship sailed from Africa? \_\_\_\_\_
16. How many slaves had been thrown overboard by the crew of the Feloz in the previous 17 days? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Describe the living conditions for slaves aboard the ship: \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. Why were slaves branded? \_\_\_\_\_

19. How were the slaves packed aboard the ship? How much space did they have? \_\_\_\_\_  
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20. Why did slaves sometime kill one another below decks? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Reading: Slave Auction, 1850**

21. How many slaves were going to be auctioned? \_\_\_\_\_
22. What was newspaper editor Horace Greeley's view on slavery? \_\_\_\_\_
23. How long had most of the slaves been waiting at the racetrack for the auction? \_\_\_\_\_
24. How were slaves treated and why were they inspected before the auction? \_\_\_\_\_  
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25. Why were slaves sold in "families"? \_\_\_\_\_  
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26. What were some of the slaves at the auction sold for in "today's" dollars? \_\_\_\_\_
27. How many slaves were sold at the auction? What was the total amount of the sale in "today's" dollars? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Reading: Life on a Southern Plantation, 1854**

28. How many states had abolished slavery by the time of the signing of the Constitution? \_\_\_\_\_
29. Why did many Americans think slavery would end by the late 1700s or early 1800s? \_\_\_\_\_  
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30. How did Eli Whitney's cotton gin completely change the economy of the South? \_\_\_\_\_  
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31. What European country received most of the South's cotton? \_\_\_\_\_
32. According to Frederick Olmsted, who was doing most of the work with the mule teams? \_\_\_\_\_  
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33. What forms of abuse did Frederick Olmsted witness while he toured the plantation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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34. Why did the overseer not believe the slave's story about being "locked in"? \_\_\_\_\_  
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35. How did the overseer act after beating and assaulting the female slave? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Reflect:** Write 2-3 sentences summarizing the experience of African slaves based on the four sources above.

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