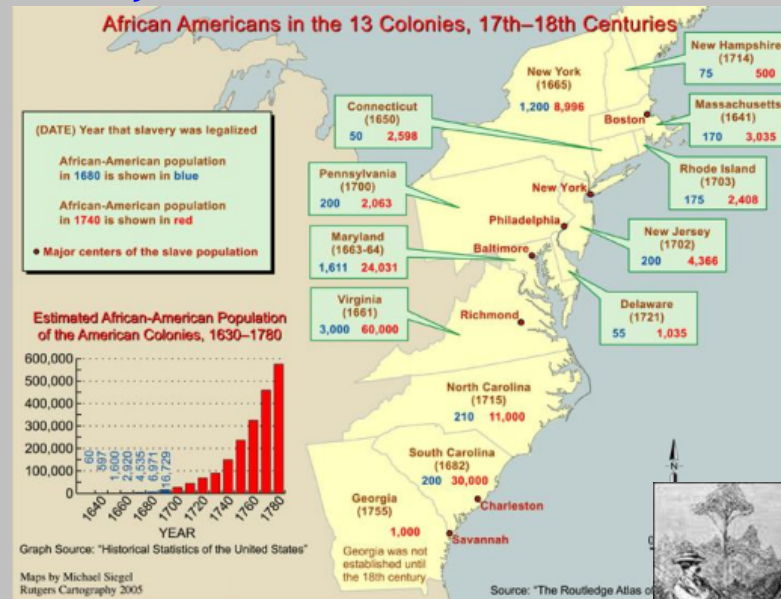




Slavery in the Colonies



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Were slaves in the colonies slaves for life?

Before slavery in Americas, was it always for life?

* There has been slavery since ancient times, and it was not always for life:

- * **example:** in many early Christian societies, slaves were freed if they became Christians
- * **example:** in many African societies, people captured in war were often enslaved for only a few years

Why slavery in the Americas?

* The Plantation System:

- * profits from tobacco and rice
- * southern economy dependent on slavery

Attempts to Stop Slavery

*1652: Rhode Island

- *Passed the first anti-slavery law
- *Law did not last, because R.I. made profits off of the slave trade

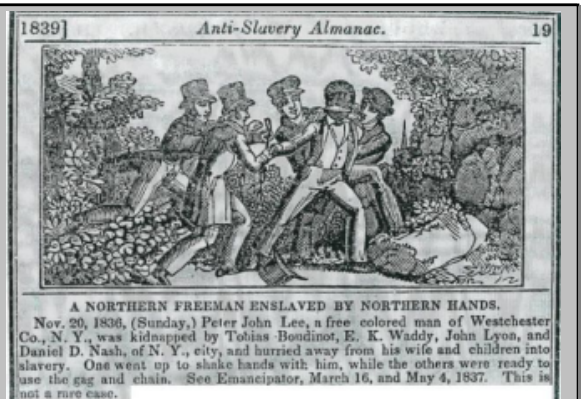
*Georgia

- *Had a ban on slavery until the 1750s
- *Ban lifted, and slavery was legal in all colonies

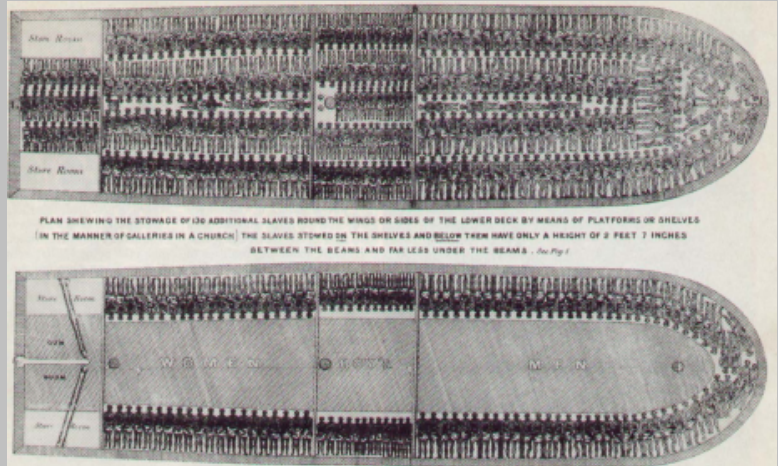
*Slavery became linked to African-American decent

- *Slavery is now linked to RACISM
- *Colonists felt superior to Africans
- *Colonists thought they were "helping" Africans by introducing them to European ways and Christianity

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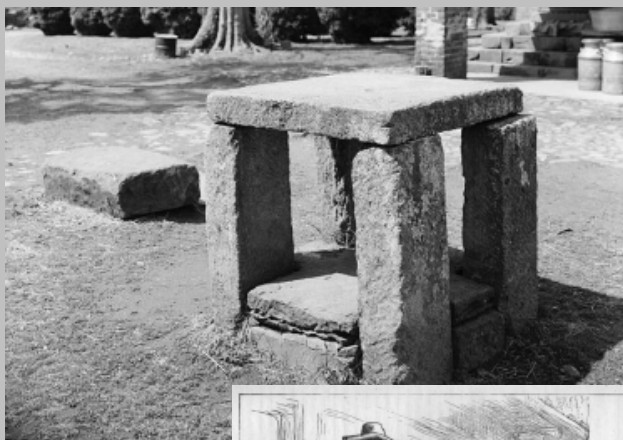
Middle Passage



The Ugly Facts

- * traded for guns and other goods before being loaded onto the ships
- * to increase profits, many captains crammed as many captives on as possible
- * 15%-20% died or committed suicide during the Middle Passage

Auction Blocks



* healthy men, women, and children put on the auction block once they reached the Americas

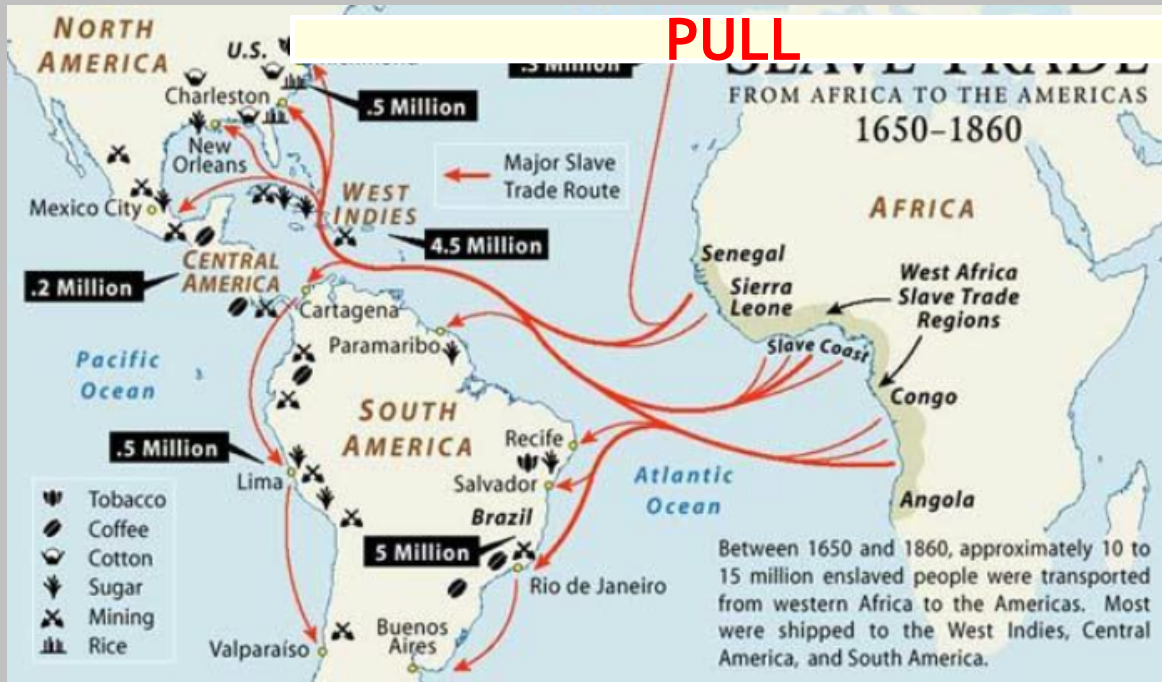
* family members often separated

* majority ended up on plantations in the Spanish colonies, Brazil, or Caribbean



The Atlantic Slave Trade

Who was first to bring Africans to the Americas as a source of slave labor?



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Who was involved?



- *British
- *Dutch
- *French
- *Spanish
- *Portuguese

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Triangular Trade



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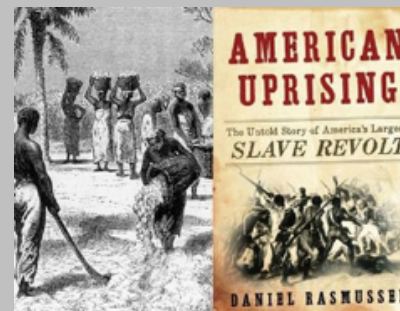
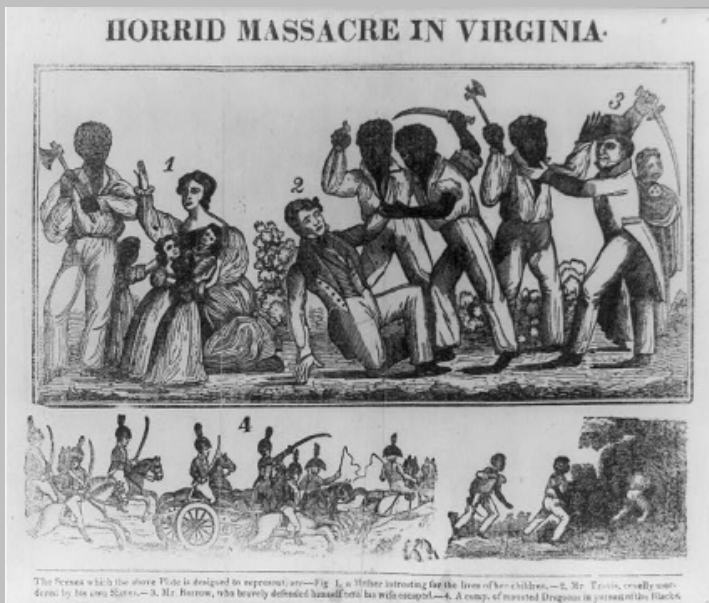
Do you remember the Navigation Acts? Do you think the colonists followed them? Why or why not?

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Resistance to Slavery

- * laws attempted to stop revolts
- * revolts flared up into slavery itself ended in 1865



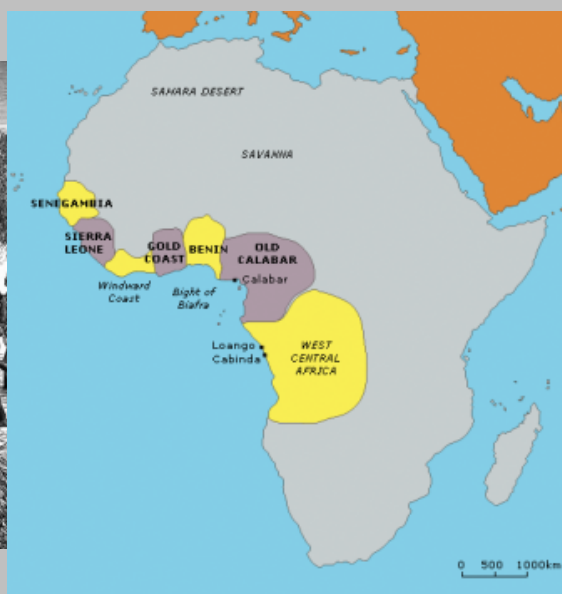
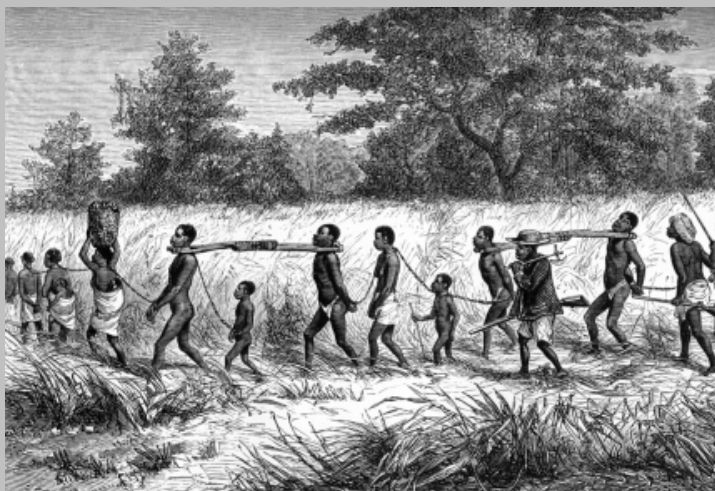
Slave Codes



Life under the codes...

- * could not meet in large numbers
- * could not own weapons
- * could not leave plantation without permission
- * could not learn to read or write
- * Masters who killed slaves could not be tried for murder

SLAVE TRADERS



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HORRIBLE FACTS

- * traders set up posts along the West Africa coast
- * made raids into the interior
- * bound at leg and neck
- * captives marched as far as 300 miles
- * half of captives died along the way