

Slavery Quiz Study Guide

1. When did the Portuguese first visit West Africa?
2. How were most slaves captured in Africa?
3. Where was England's first settlement in the New World? Why did the Virginia Company of London establish this settlement?
4. What crop eventually allowed the colonists to survive and earn a living?
5. What is an "indentured servant"?
6. What are "freedom dues"? (Give examples)
7. When were the first slaves purchased by the colonists? Who sold them?
8. What was the first colony to legalize slavery? What was the last colony to legalize slavery?
9. What is meant by the "terrible transformation" that took place in the colonies? (Why was slavery more attractive to slave-owners than indentured servants or natives of the New World?)
10. What caused the terrible transformation? (explain your reasons)
11. The slave Equiano wrote that "when you make men slaves, you compel them to live with you in a state of war." What did he mean by this and how did it contribute to the brutal way many slaves were treated?
12. What was it like to be transported on a ship as a slave?
13. Why was the transportation of slaves call the "middle passage"?
14. Why was slavery more prominent in the southern colonies than in the northern colonies?
15. What was the Stono Rebellion? How did it change the face of slavery in the southern colonies?