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Inheritable, Perpetual, Race- Based Bondage: Slavery in the United States

Christy Clark-Pujara

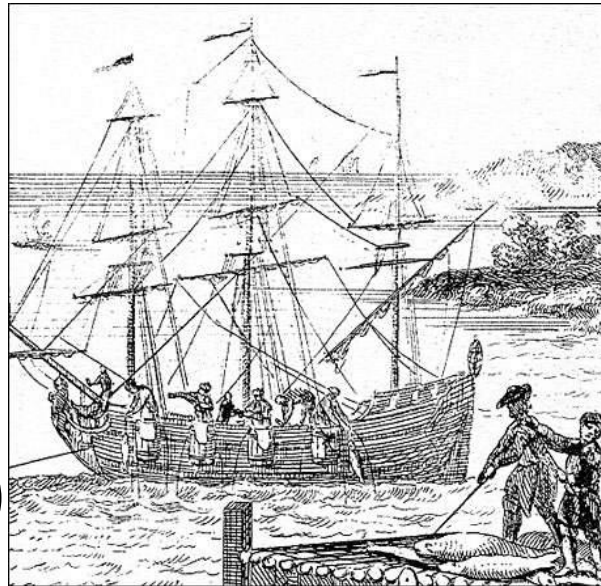
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European Invasion and Settlement

- Chesapeake (VA, MD, DE)
 - English
 - Tobacco
- North (NY, NJ, MA, PA, CT, ME, RI, NH)
 - Dutch (NY and NJ until 1641)
 - English
 - Farming, Rum, West Indian Trade
- Low Country (NC, SC, GA)
 - English
 - Livestock, Lumber & Cattle
 - Rice
- Lower Mississippi Valley (LA, FL)
 - French and Spanish
 - Tobacco, Sugar, Indigo
 - Import/Export



Labor Hunger Colonies

- Native Americans
 - Servants?
 - Slaves?
- European Indentured Servants

A SERVANT Girl's Time to be disposed of, having about two Years and four Months to serve, is very fit for coarse Work ; spins exceeding well, and would do for Country Business. For Terms apply to JAMES PLUNKET, at the Sign of Æsop in the Shades, in Walnut-street, Philadelphia. †

To be SOLD,

A Scotch Servant Girl's Time, who has almost four Years to serve : She has had the Small-Pox, and is remarkably strong and healthy, fit for Town or Country Business. Enquire at the New-Printing Office, Market-street, Philadelphia. ⊕



Indentured
Servants,

Or Slaves?

Just ARRIVED, at LEEDS Town,
the Ship JUSTITIA, with about one
Hundred healthy
SERVANTS,
Men, Women, and Boys, among which are many Traders, etc.
Blacksmiths, Shoemakers, Tailors, House Carpenters and Joiners, a
Company of Millwrights and Plasterers, a Painter, a Washwoman and Clergy,
several Apprentices, Nurses, a Jeweller, and many others.
The Sale will commence on Tuesday the 21st of April, at Eight o'clock,
at the Custom-house in London. A moderate Credit will be allowed, upon good
and approved Security, to Valuers. 1837.
* * * A good and selected Corps of 110-1200 from London, suitable for
the Indies. (About one Thousand Men's Working words) which I will
keep off, on reasonable Terms, at a Credit with good Security.

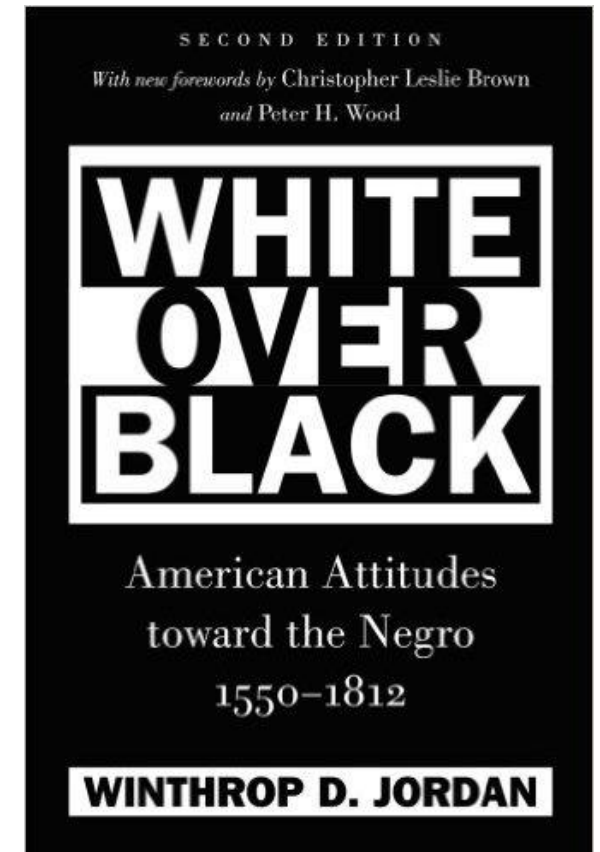


The landing of the first Negroes

- Africans
 - Servants?
 - Slaves?

Race: White Over Black

- Servants or Slaves
 - Increase in Mortality and Decrease in Servants
- Societies Free of American Indians
 - Successful Flight
 - Massive Death
 - Characterized by English as Savage and Uncivil
- Race replaces Class—race and the law
 - 1662 children inherit status of their mother
 - 1670 forbade blacks and Native Americans from holding slaves
 - 1680 30 lashes to any black person striking any white person
 - 1691 any white who marries a black is banished and white women who had children with black men were indentured or fined or had their servitude extended
 - 1705 white servant could only be whipped naked by order of the justice of the peace

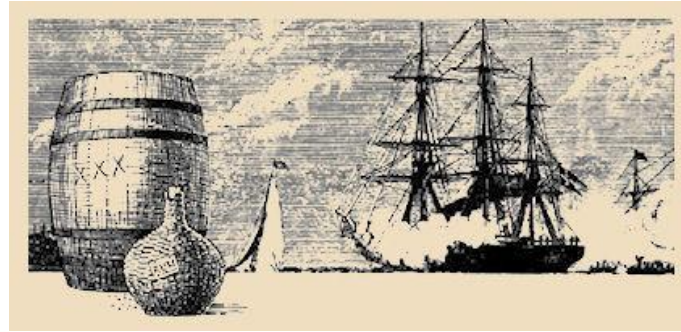


Criminalizing Race—Not being white deemed suspicious

- “If any negroes or Indians either freemen, servants, or slaves, do walk in the street of the town of Newport, or any other town in this Collony, after nine of the clock of the night, without a certificate from their masters, or some English person of said family with them, or some lawfull excuse for the same, that it shall be lawfull for any person to take them up and deliver them to a Constable.”
 - Passed by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1703

The Business of Slavery in the North, 1630-1775

- The Atlantic Slave Trade
 - Dominated by northerners
 - Subsidiaries Industries
 - Trades
 - Distilleries
 - Farming



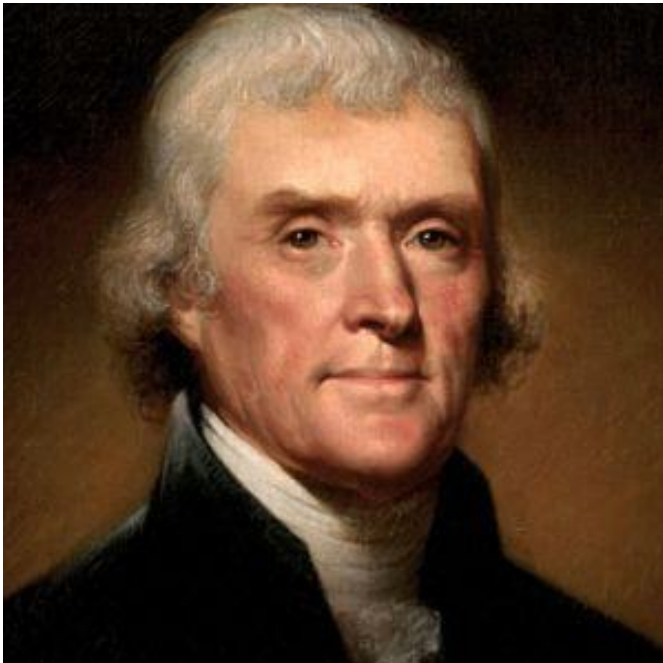
- The West Indian Provisions Trade
 - Food
 - Household Goods
 - Lumber
 - Live Stock



Freedom, Liberty and Slaves: The Great American Paradox

- “How could the same individuals who developed such a dedication to liberty have simultaneously maintained an institution that denied human liberty every hour of every day?” Edmund Morgan
 - Jefferson, the primary author of the Declaration of Independence and the nation’s 3rd President, Washington the nation’s 1st General and President, and James Madison the primary author of the constitution and the 4th President were all enslavers who held hundreds of black Americans as chattel, as captives.

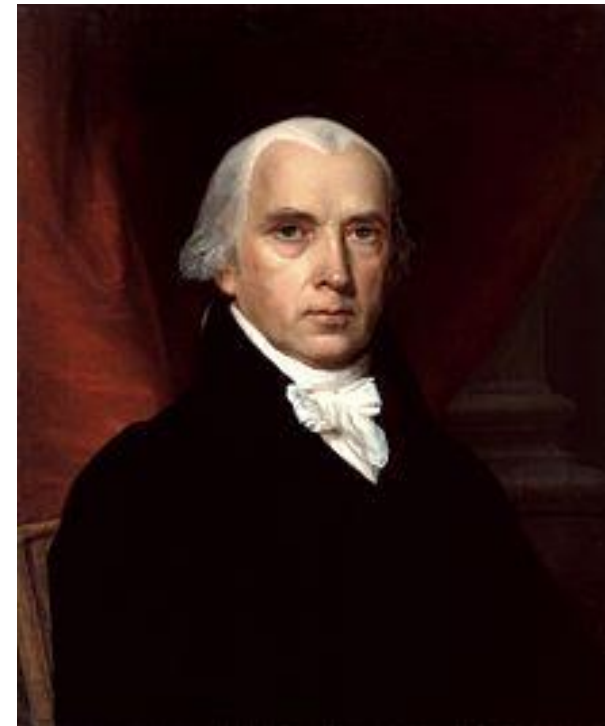
Richard
Cups



William
Lee



Paul
Jennings



The Constitution—A Proslavery Document

- Written primarily by the Master Class
 - 2/3 of the founding fathers owned slaves
 - the other 1/3 of the founders fathers were willing to compromise on the issue of slavery in order to create a union (some opposed others were indifferent)
- Legal Protections for the Institution of Slavery
 - 3/5 Clause
 - Fugitive slave Clause
 - 1808 Slave Trade Law
 - Northwest Ordinance
- 1790 Congress Limits Naturalized Citizenship to White Person—overturned in 1952 by the Immigration and Nationality Act



The Constitution—A Freedom Document

- Sweeping, Unprecedented Protections for individual rights and liberty
 - Freedom of religion, speech, association, press, keep and bare arms, assemble, petition the government for grievances, etc.
 - Protection from search and seizure, double jeopardy, self incrimination, cruel and unusual punishment; right to due process, trial by jury of peers, public trial and counsel, etc.
- Separation of Powers—ensures power to the people
 - Legislative (Senate and Congress), Executive (President), Judicial (Supreme Court)
- The Amendment Process
 - Allows the constitution to change as the people of the nation change
- Free Blacks are intensely loyal to the document because it is their avenue to full freedom; enslaved blacks are also loyal to the document because it is their avenue to freedom.

A Slaveholding Republic 1787-1865

- Breakdown of Slavery in the North

- Military Service
- Running Away
- Self-Purchase
- Suing for Freedom
- Petitions for Abolition
- Gradual Emancipation



- Expansion of Slavery in the South

- Cotton Kingdom
- Domestic Slave Trade
 - Over 1 million people sold from the upper South to the lower South—known as the “generations of grief” or the “disappeared.”

\$150 REWARD.
RANAWAY from the subscriber, on the night of Monday the 11th July, a negro man named
TOM,
about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high; of dark color; heavy in the chest; several of his jaw teeth out; and upon his body are several old marks of the whip, one of them straight down the back. He took with him a quantity of clothing, and several hats.
A reward of \$150 will be paid for his apprehension and security, if taken out of the State of Kentucky; \$100 if taken in any county bordering on the Ohio river; \$50 if taken in any of the interior counties except Fayette; or \$20 if taken in the latter county.
july 12-84-tf
B. L. BOSTON.

\$1200 TO 1250 DOLLARS! FOR NEGROES!!
THE undersigned wishes to purchase a large lot of NEGROES for the New Orleans market. I will pay \$1200 to \$1250 for No. 1 young men, and \$850 to \$1000 for No. 1 young women. In fact I will pay more for likely
NEGROES,
Than any other trader in Kentucky. My office is adjoining the Broadway Hotel, on Broadway, Lexington, Ky., where I or my Agent can always be found.
WM. F. TALBOTT,
LEXINGTON, JULY 2, 1852.



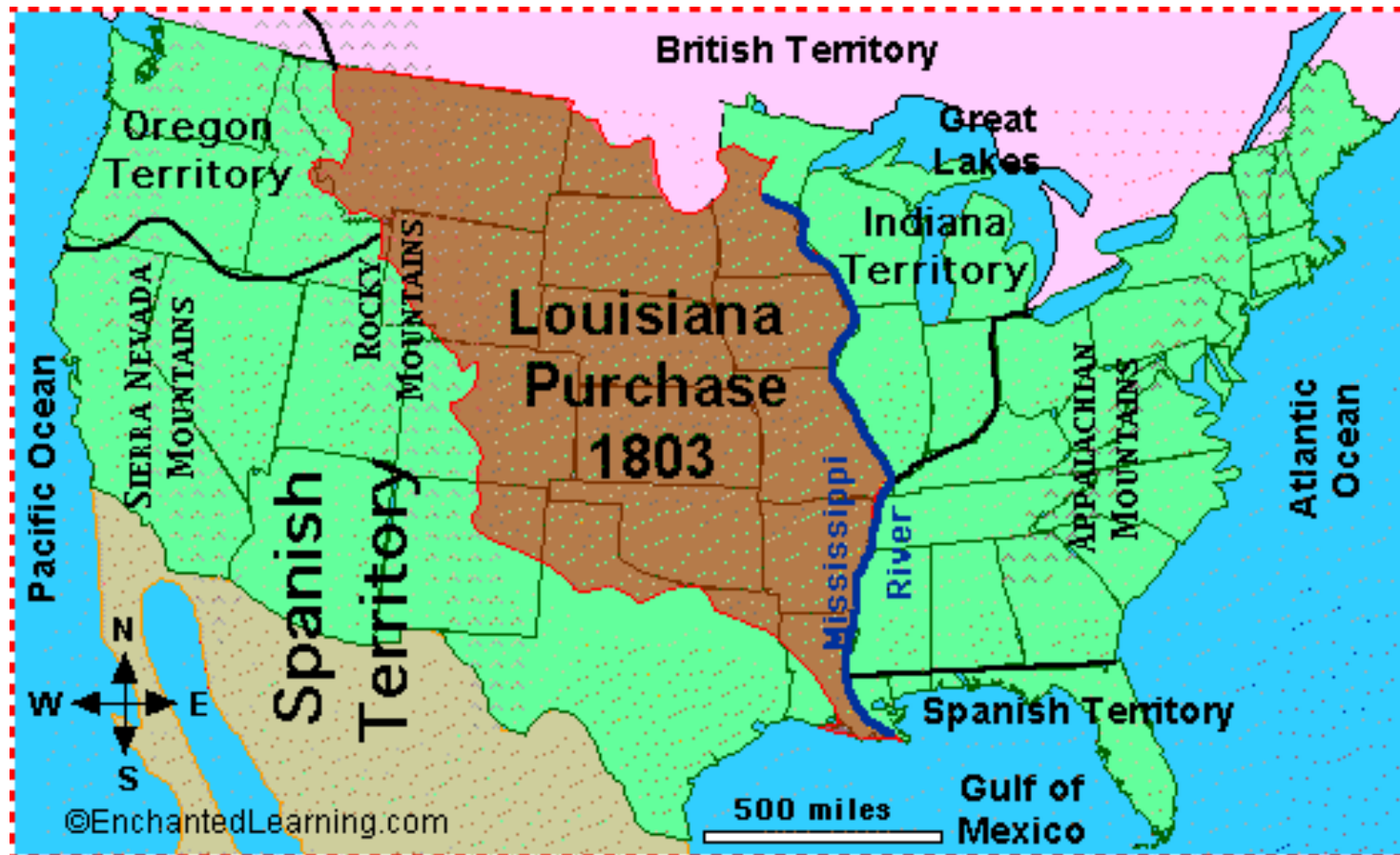
Gradual Emancipation Laws In Northern States

States	Law passed	Indentured or Apprenticed until	First Emancipation Dates	Abolished Slavery
Pennsylvania	1780	28 years for females and males	1808	1780
Connecticut	1784	25 years reduced to 21 years in 1791	1805	1848
Rhode Island	1784	21 years for females and Males	1802	1842
New York	1799	25 years for females 28 years for males	1824	1827
New Jersey	1804	21 years for females 25 years for males	1825	1865

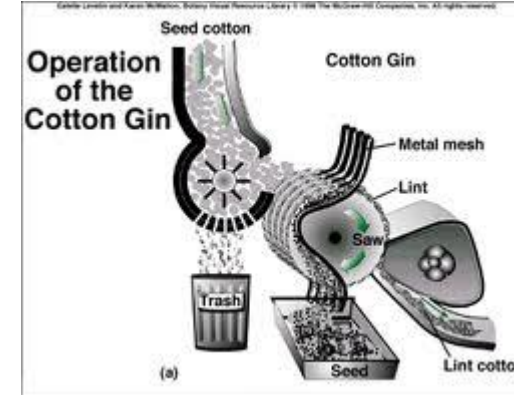
Percentage of the Black Population that was Free (numbers of free blacks)

	1790	1810	1820	1840
North	40% (27, 109)	74% (78,181)	84% (99,281)	99% (99,281)
Connecticut	50% (2,801)	95% (6,453)	----	----
Rhode Island	79% (3,469)	97% (3,609)	99% (3,554)	99% (3,238)
New York	18% (4,654)	63% (25,333)	74% (29,279)	99% (50,027)
New Jersey	20% (2,762)	42% (7,843)	62% (12,460)	97% (21,044)
Pennsylvania	64% (6,537)	97% (22,492)	99% (30,202)	99% (47,854)

Building Empire: U.S. Territorial Expansion in the 19th Century

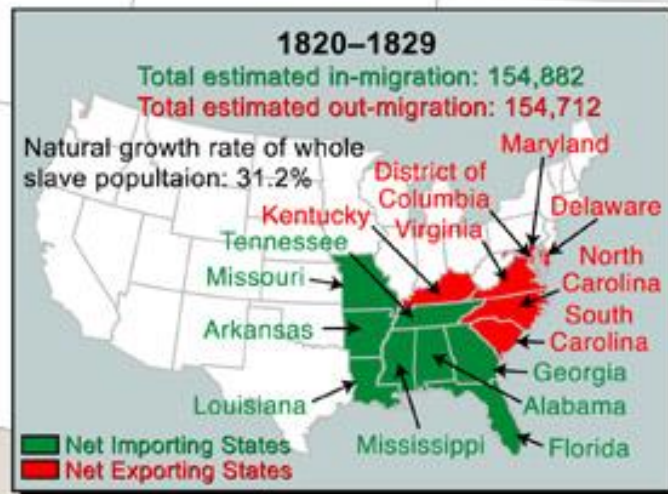
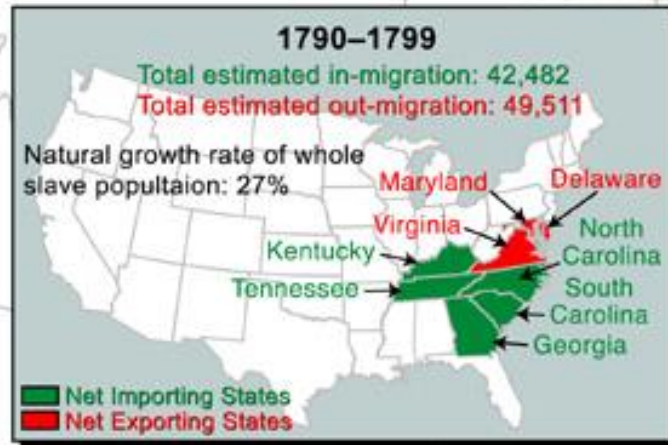


The Cotton Gin



- The Lords of the Loom and the Lords of the Lash
 - Northern Industrialist, Merchants, Bankers, Auctioneers and Southern Planters
 - “Negro Cloth”
 - Made especially to minimize the cost of clothing enslaved African American in the South.
 - Manufactured in the North, particularly Rhode Island.

The Domestic Slave Trade 1820-1829

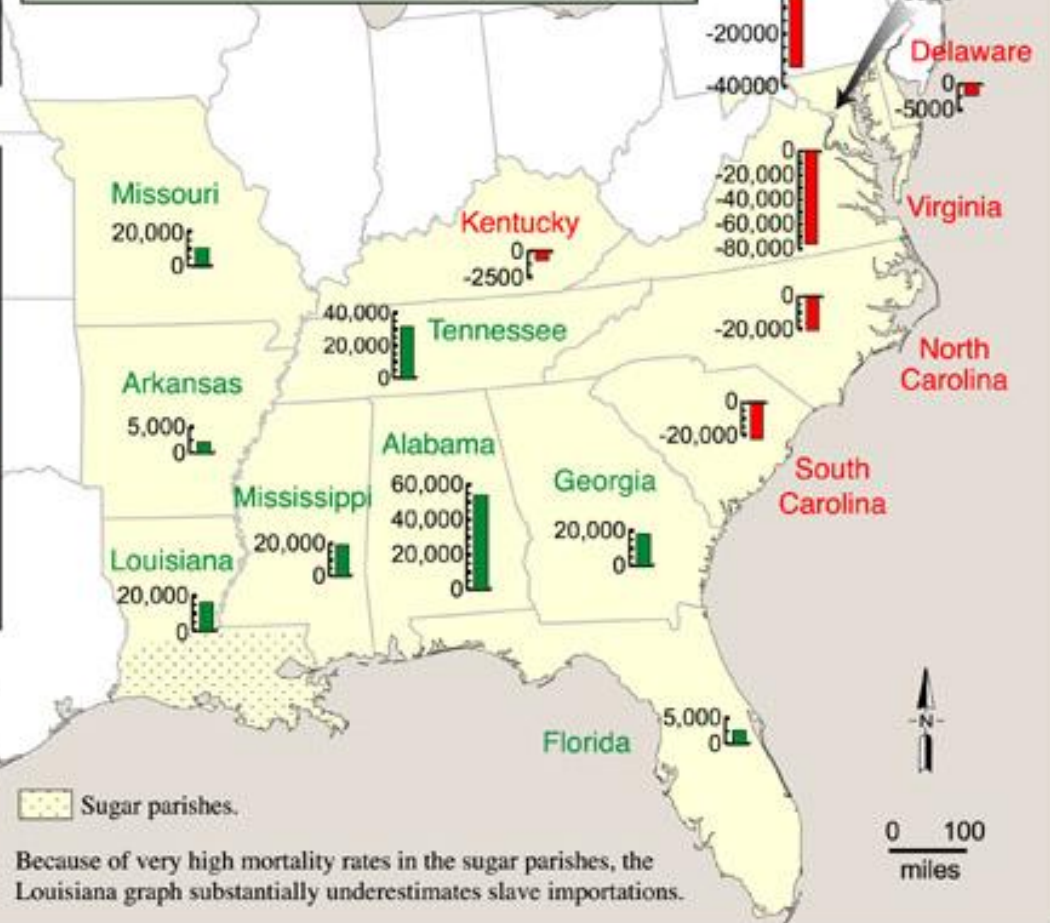


Note: For an explanation of the adjustments made to the census data to cancel out importations from the African slave trade, see "Speculators and Slaves," pp. 225-27.

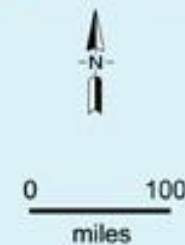
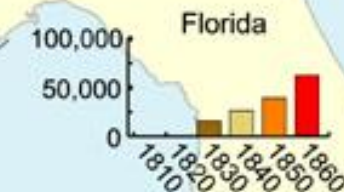
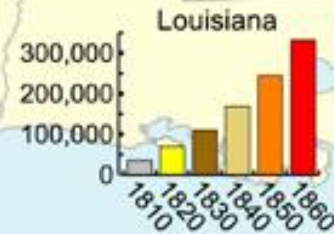
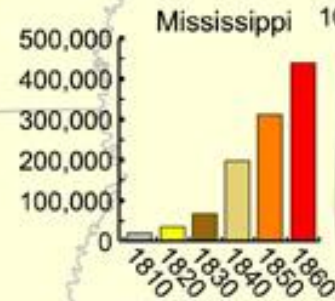
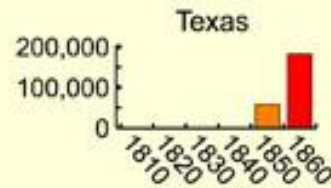
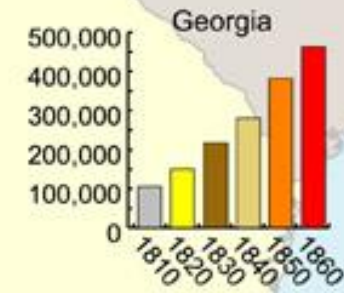
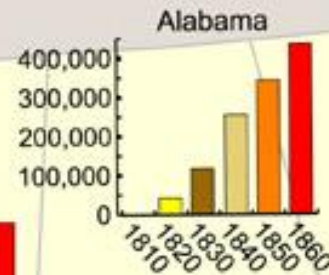
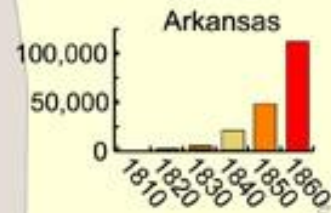
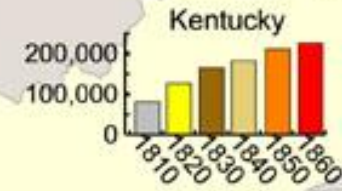
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Source: "Speculators and Slaves"

"The first key factor in creating the domestic slave trade was an insatiable demand for slave labor from expanding plantation regions in the South. The second essential factor was the availability of a ready supply of slaves. This supply arose because North American slaves, unlike those in the rest of the Americas, experienced natural increase (that is to say, the number of births exceeded the number of deaths)" from Tadman, "Speculators and Slaves"



Progression of the Slave Population in Selected Southern States, 1810–1860



Source: "Historical Demographic, Economic, and Social Data: U.S., 1790–1970"

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Population of the South 1790-1860

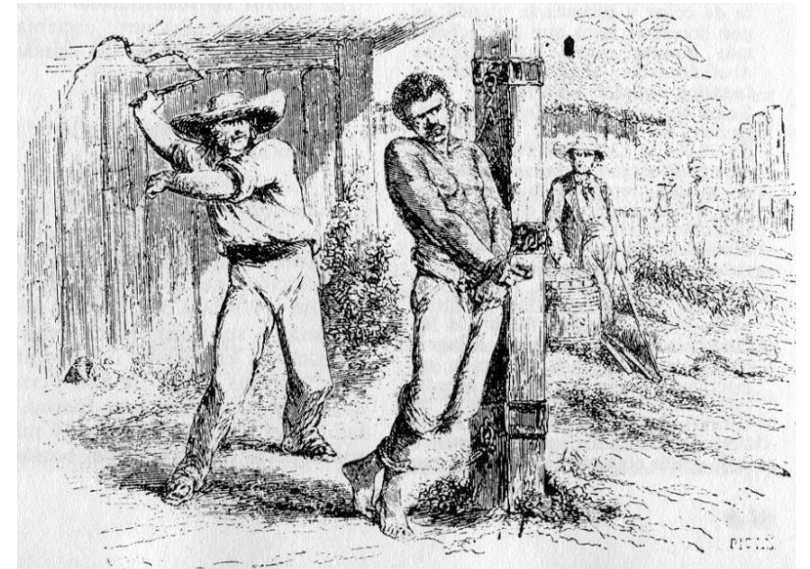
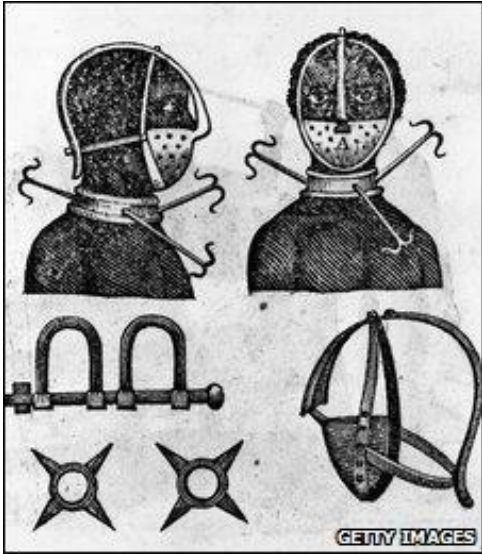
by Race and Status

Year	White	Free Nonwhite	Slave
1790	1,240,454	32,523	654,121
1800	1,691,892	61,575	851,532
1810	2,118,144	97,284	1,103,700
1820	2,867,454	130,487	1,509,904
1830	3,614,600	175,074	1,983,860
1840	4,601,873	207,214	2,481,390
1850	6,184,477	235,821	3,200,364
1860	8,036,700	253,082	3,950,511

Slavery and Mastery in the United States of America

- Slavery is the irresistible power to arrogate another's labor. It is dependent on force and violence backed by the power of the city, county, state and federal government.
- Mastery is the power to direct someone else's labor and life.
- The master slave relationship is fundamentally uneven, but negotiated. Masters never have complete or ultimate control.
- How do you keep thousands—million of people in bondage
 - Law
 - Physical and Mental Abuse—Violence is a necessity
 - Slave Patrols, Slave Catchers, Militias, Armies
- Plantations were open air prison work camps (work from sun-up to sun-down)
 - Master and Mistress (Rely on violence, coercion, rewards and slave patrols)
 - Overseer (Gun)
 - Driver (Whip)
 - Skilled and Specialized Slaves (Diary women, blacksmith, wheel right, etc)
 - House Slaves (Cooks, Maids, Childcare)
 - Field Hands—Full to half to quarter (Cotton, Tobacco, Rice)

Coercion & Violence in American Slavery

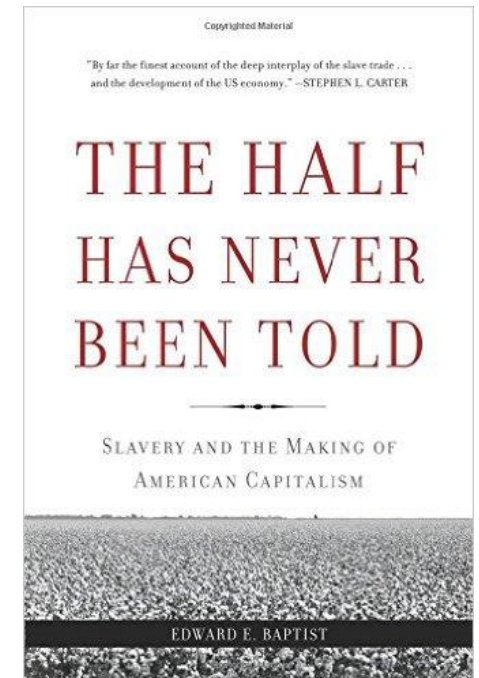
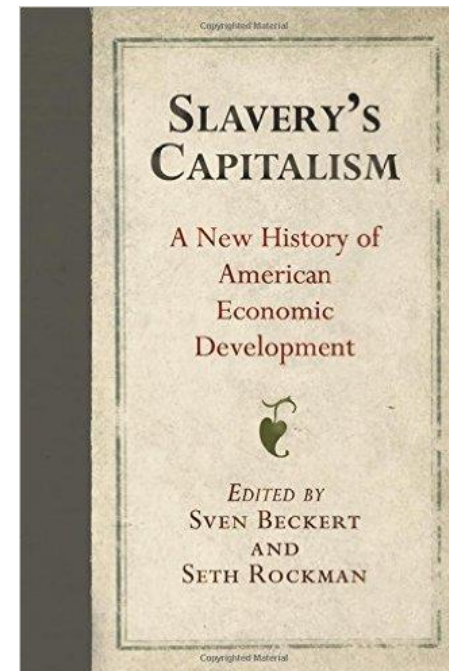
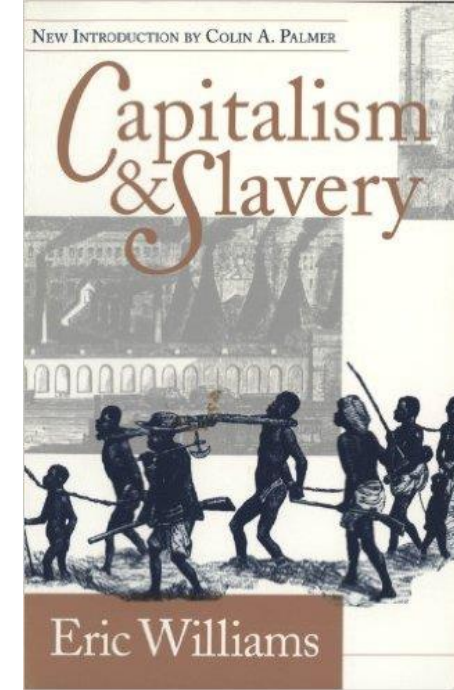


United States of America Slavery at 19th Mid-Century

- **Staple-crop economies in 1850:**
 - 72.6% were cultivating cotton
 - 14% were cultivating tobacco
 - 6% were cultivating rice or sugar
 - 5% were cultivating hemp
- **1860 Patterns of Slaveholding From the perspective of slaveholders:**
 - 76% of southern white families did not own slaves
 - 12% of all slave-owners owned 20 or more slaves
 - 50% of all slave-owners owned 5 or fewer slaves
 - Less than 1% of all slave-owners owners owned 100 or more slaves
- **Slaveholding patterns from the perspective of slaves:**
 - 1860: 62% of all slaves lived on plantations—1/3 on substantial plantations of more than 50 slaves
 - 1850: 73.4% of slaves lived in units numbering more than 10
- **By 1860 cotton exports amounted for 58% of all United States exports**
- **20% of slaves labor in the skilled trades or as domestic servants**
- **About 5% of slaves worked in industry—chewing tobacco factories, ironworks, lumber and textiles.**

Slavery and Capitalism in the U. S.

- Cotton the American Economy
 - Textile Revolution in the North
 - 58% of all U.S. Exports (Commodities Trading)
 - Infrastructure—Railroad, Roads, Shipping, etc
 - Banking and Insurance
 - Iron and steel—shackles
- Domestic Slave Trade
 - Slave Traders
 - Auction Houses
 - Transportation—Ship, Rail and Overland
- Re-export
 - Sugar
 - Cotton



African Americans Were Oppressed By Slavery But They Were Not Destroyed It

- Family Formation
 - Flexible and Adaptive
 - Fictive Kin and Adoption
 - Kinship Networks
- Culture
 - Religion
 - Music
 - Food
 - Resistance



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