

What was the Slave Trade?

1. African people were captured and sold as slaves
2. Enslaved people were forced to work without pay in terrible conditions.
3. The trade sent people across the Atlantic to Europe and to the Americas.
4. The Slave Trade lasted for hundreds of years and affected millions of people.

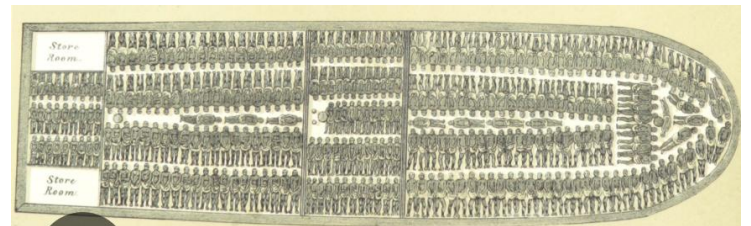
What was the journey like from Africa to America?

5. Enslaved people were forced onto ships in very crowded and dangerous conditions.
6. The journey across the Atlantic (the Middle Passage) could take weeks or months.
7. Many people became sick or died during the voyage.
8. On the ship the enslaved people had little food, poor hygiene and extreme suffering.

The Slave Trade

Triangular Trade

9. European countries wanted workers for their colonies in the Americas.
10. African people were captured or sold by other Africans and European traders.
11. Ships were used to carry enslaved people across the Atlantic.
12. The Transatlantic Slave Trade started in the 15th century and grew over time.



What were the conditions like?

13. Enslaved people were forced to work long hours on farms and plantations.
14. They had very little freedom and were punished if they disobeyed.
15. Living conditions were poor, with cramped housing, little food and poor hygiene.
16. Enslaved people were treated as property rather than human beings.

How did the Slave Trade end?

17. Many people in Britain campaigned against slavery because it was cruel and unfair.
18. Activists like William Wilberforce worked to change the law.
19. In 1807, the UK passed a law making the Slave Trade illegal.
20. Abolition did not immediately free all enslaved people but it was the first step towards ending slavery.