



The Slave Trade

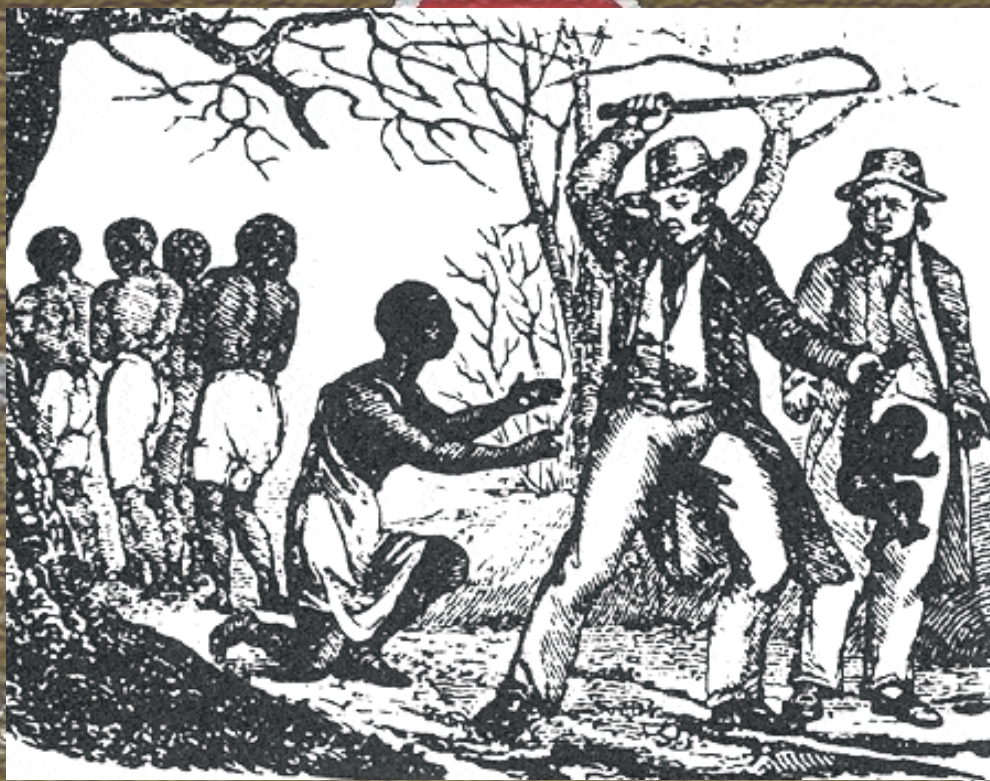


Freedom for all?



Slavery

- Slave: a person who is the property of and wholly subject to another.



Step 1: From the Interior



Captured Africans are brought to the coast from the interior of Africa

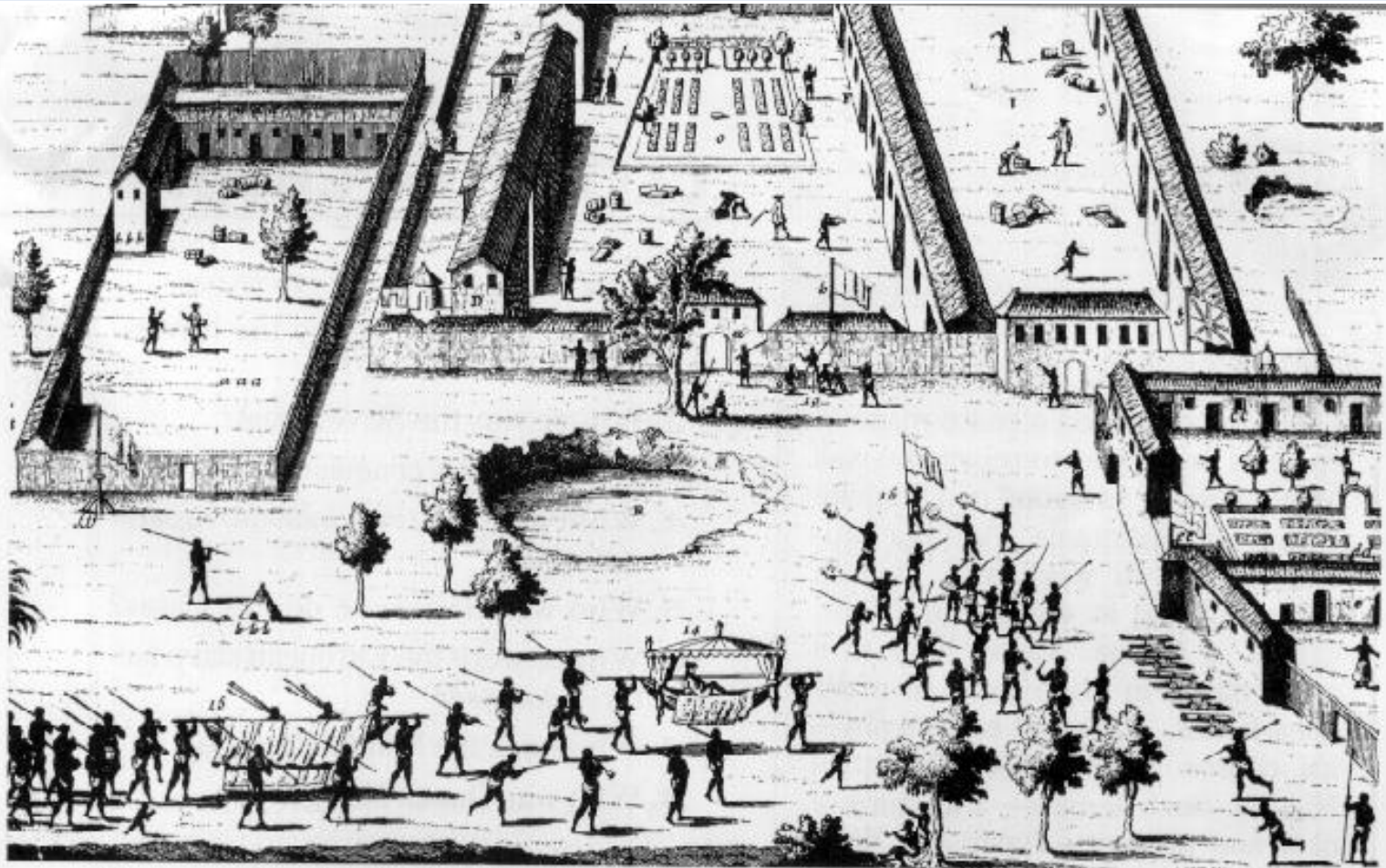
Personal Account: Capture

"I must own, to the shame of my own countrymen, that I was first kidnapped and betrayed by some of my own complexion, who were the first cause of my exile and slavery."

- Ottobah Cugoano



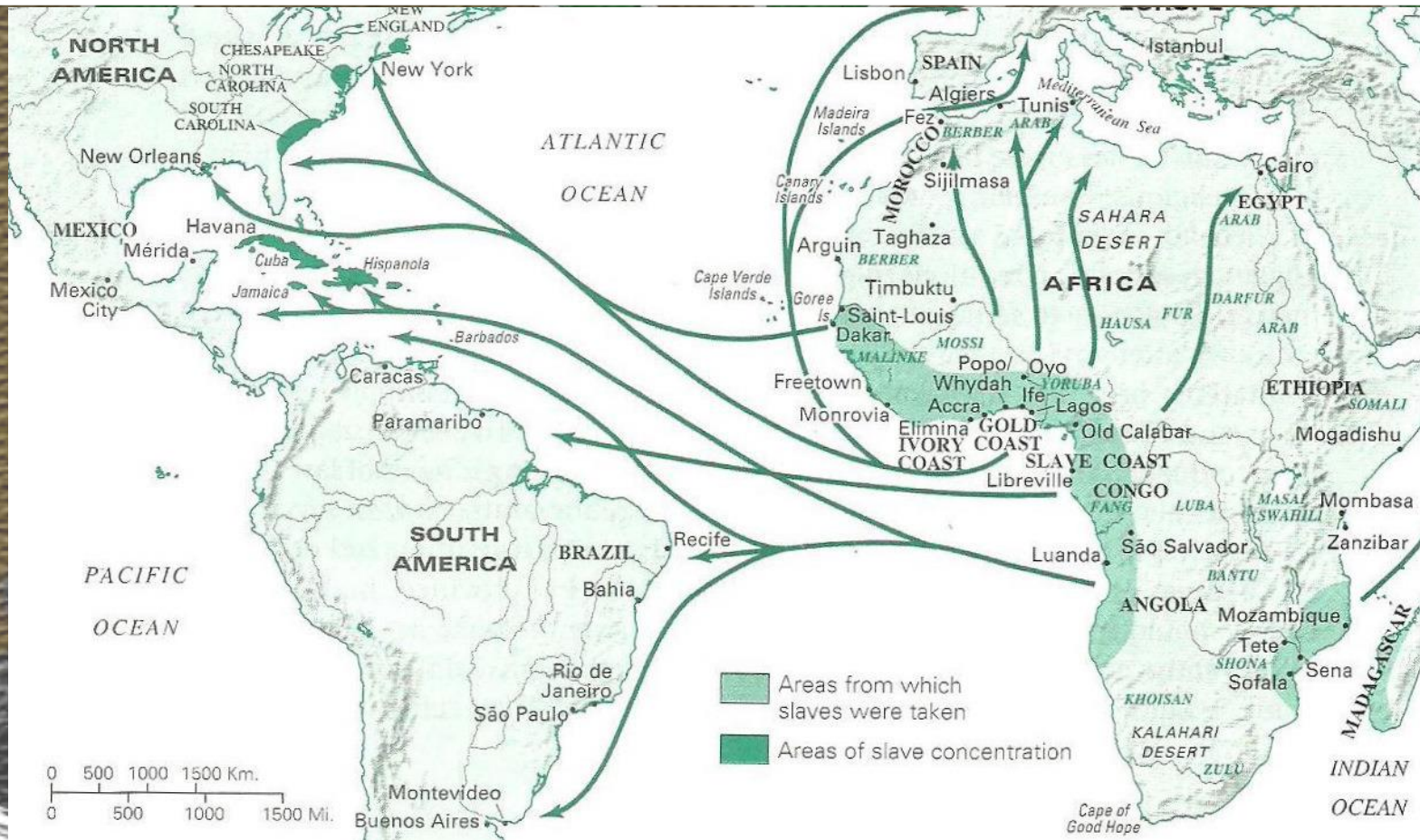
Step 2: Waiting



European goods were brought to West Africa through slave factories and trading forts like this one.

Captured Africans were held in Coastal “Slave Factories” till they could be loaded on boats to go to the Americas

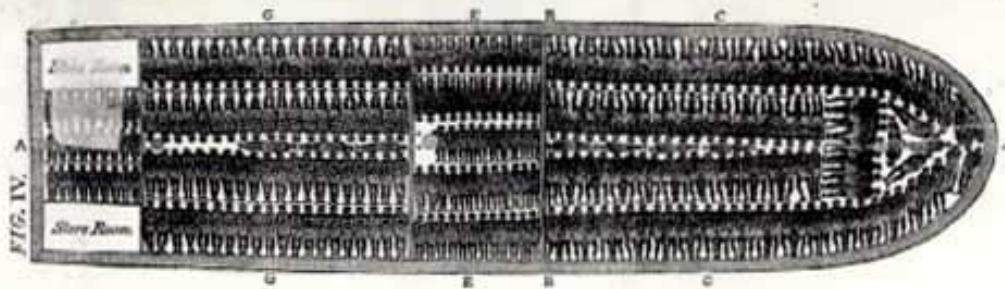
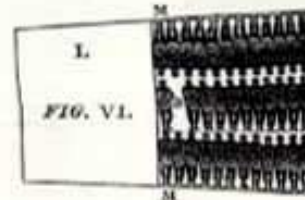
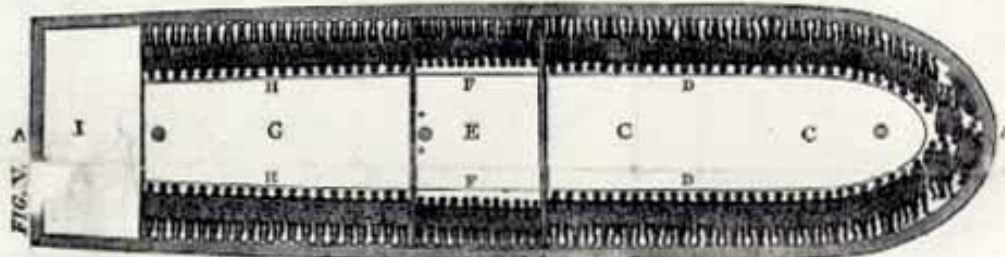
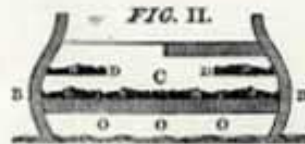
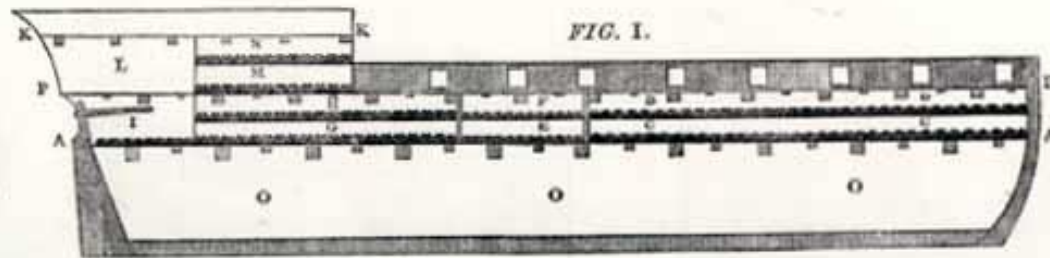
Step 3: Across the Atlantic



Slaves loaded on European Ships and taken from west coast of Africa and sent to Europe and the Americas

The Middle Passage

DESCRIPTION OF A SLAVE SHIP.



Slaves packed onto slave ships for journey across Atlantic Ocean

Personal Account: The Middle Passage

"The closeness of the place, and the heat of the climate, added to the number in the ship, which was so crowded that each had scarcely room to turn himself, almost suffocated us. This produced copious perspirations, so that the air soon became unfit for respiration, from a variety of loathsome smells, and brought on a sickness among the slaves, of which many died."

- Olaudah Equiano

Step 4: American Markets

- In late 1700s slave markets established in Philadelphia, Charlestown, Richmond, and New Orleans
- Little regard given to families
 - Often broken up
- Slavery had been a part of the United States since 1619 (Jamestown)

TO BE SOLD, on board the Ship *Bance-Island*, on tuesday the 6th of *May* next, at *Afbley-Ferry*; a choice cargo of about 250 fine healthy

NEGROES, just arrived from the *Windward & Rice Coast*. —The utmost care has already been taken, and shall be continued, to keep them free from the least danger of being infected with the **SMALL-POX**, no boat having been on board, and all other communication with people from *Charles-Town* prevented.

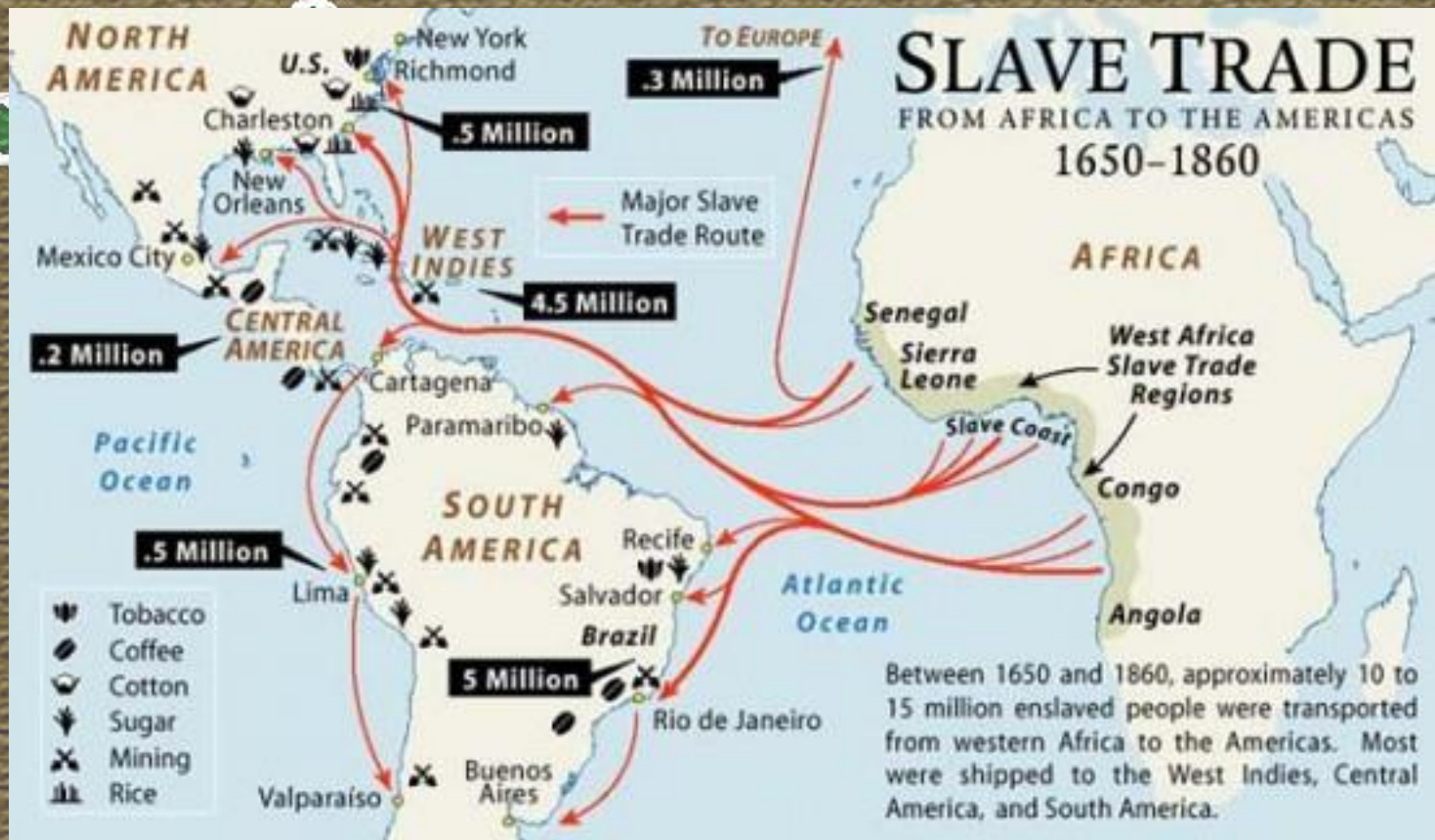
Austin, Laurens, & Appleby.

N. B. Full one Half of the above Negroes have had the **SMALL-POX** in their own Country.



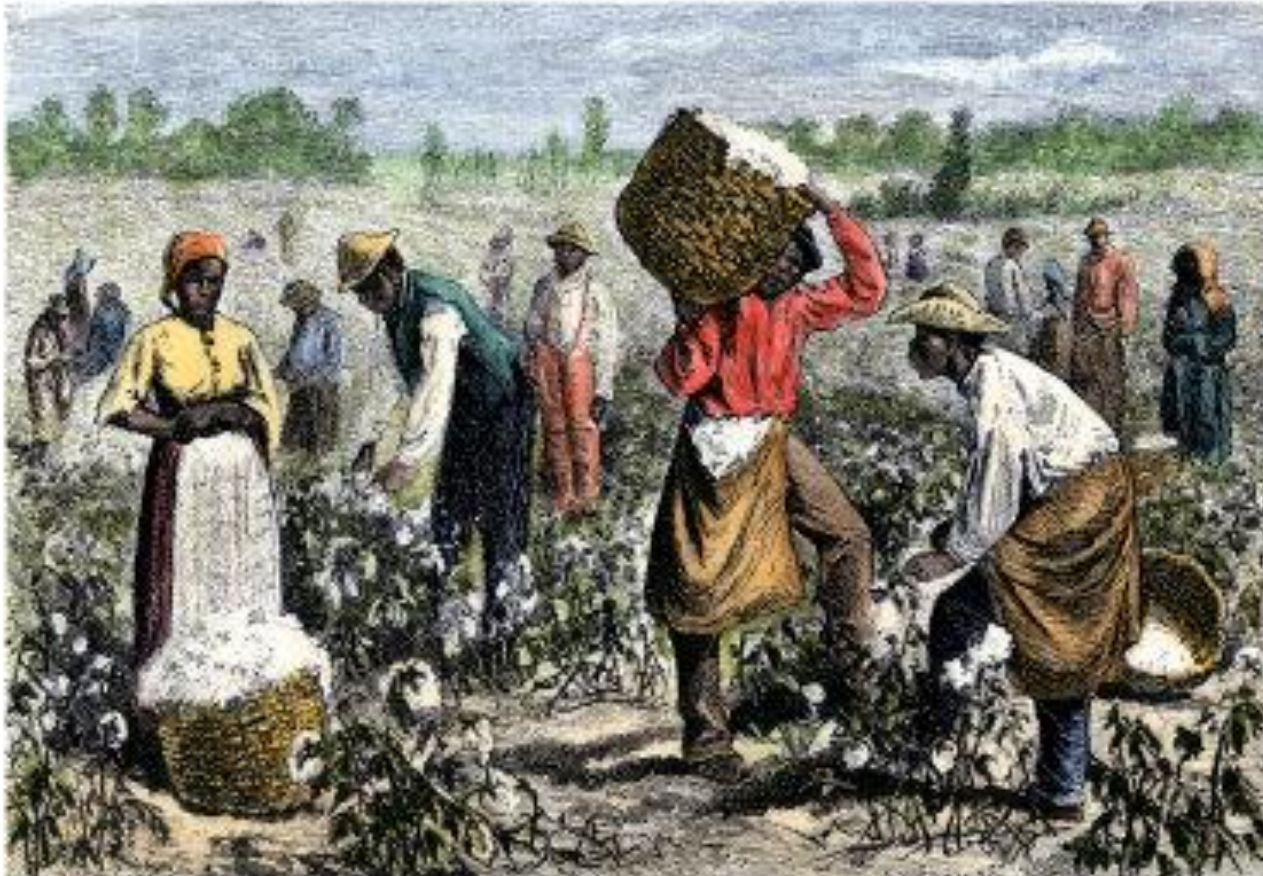
Personal Account: The Auctions

“The latter gentleman was very loquacious, dwelling at much length upon our several good points and qualities. He would make us hold up our heads, walk briskly back and forth, while customers would feel of our hands and arms and bodies, turn us about, ask us what we could do, make us open our mouths and show our teeth, precisely as a jockey examines a horse which he is about to barter for or purchase. Sometimes a man or woman was taken back to the small house in the yard, stripped, and inspected more minutely. Scars upon a slave's back were considered evidence of a rebellious or unruly spirit, and hurt his sale.”



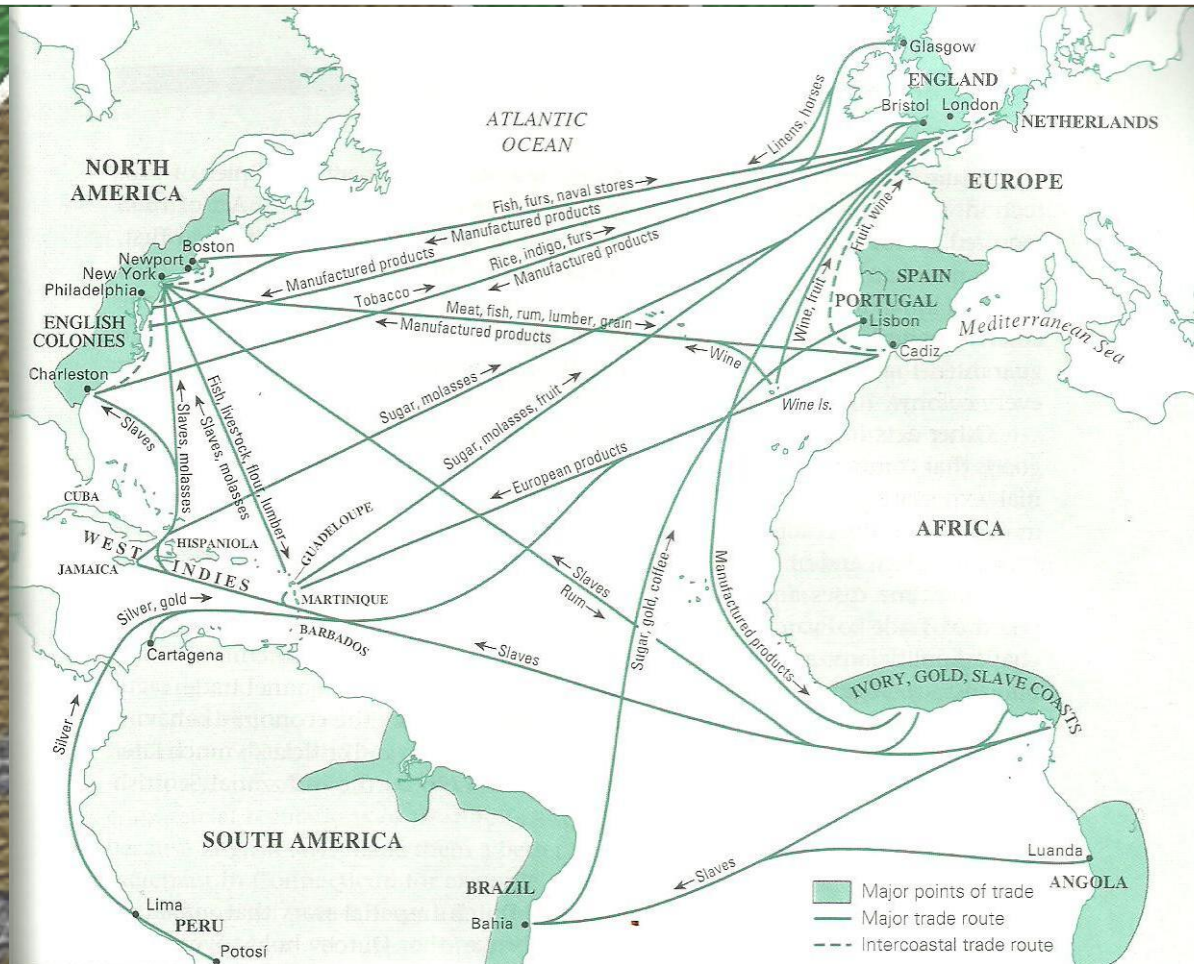
- Only about 4% sent to North America, Most were sent to South America and the Caribbean

Step 5: Sent to Work



Slaves worked on plantations harvesting Tobacco, corn, and Cotton, as house workers, and in industry

Atlantic Triangle



- Slaves sent to Americas, Raw goods sent to Europe, Manufactured goods used to buy more slaves in Africa