

Transatlantic Trade Station Questions

Station One: 1. Make at least 6 observations about the slave trade in Africa. 2. What in Station One shows why slaves were needed? 3. Why do you think Africans would participate in enslaving other Africans?

Station Two: 1. Describe in 3-4 sentences how it might feel to be captured.

Station Three: 1. Do you think the average Europeans knew about the brutality of slavery? 2. If people knew that their sugar came from the work of slaves, why didn't they stop using it?

Station Four: 1. Describe the fears of slaves living on a cotton plantation.

Station Five: 1. How does the captain refer to his slaves? 2. What does this suggest about what many Europeans valued?

Station Six: 1. Evaluate their decision to rebel. Do you agree or disagree with their decision and why?

Station Seven: 1. What surprised you most about this account of slave punishment? 2. If you could talk to a plantation owner what would you say?

Station Eight: 1. What do you think was the hardest part of Equiano's trip? 2. Imagine you were taken from your home and forced onto a ship, what do you think you would do?

Station Nine: 1. What kind of trading went on in Africa before the European presence? 2. How many colonies did Britain have in West Africa? Name them. 3. How long did these countries remain colonies of Britain? 4. What happened to many colonies after the European countries left? 5. What is a concern in today's West Africa?

Station Ten: 1. Make at least 4 observations about slave life. 2. How did rum play a role in triangular trade? 3. What is the significance of the tobacco box, and what does it tell us about some Europeans?

Station Eleven: 1. Describe in 4-5 sentences the brutality of slavery in the colonies. 2. What does this tell us about human behavior? 3. How might a slave become free?