

Year 8: The Slave Trade

Term	Definition
1. The Triangular Trade	Ships from Britain would journey to Africa. Here they would capture people. These people would be taken to the USA and forced to work as slaves. The profits of their work would go to the UK.
2. The Gambia	African country, on the West coast. From this country Kunta Kinte was taken and forced into slavery.
3. Juffure	The town, in Gambia, where Kunta Kinte was from. Today there is an island, where captured African people were made to wait for a boat to arrive, now known as Kunta Kinte island.
4. Mandika	Kunta Kinte was a member of the Mandika and hoped to grow up to become a warrior.
5. The Middle Passage	This was often the worst part of a slave's experiences. They would be held down, below deck, by chains for the entire journey. Occasionally being released to be exercised. Many died on the journey to the Americas.
6. Slave auction	Once the prisoners had arrived on American land they would be washed and cleaned and any wounds lanced with burning tar. They would then be sold into slavery to the person who made the highest bid.
7. Slave plantation	The majority of slaves were taken to plantations, similar to large farms. Here they would be have to do everything the master and overseer told them to do.
8. Master	The person who owned the slave plantation would be called the master.
9. Overseer	The overseer would be someone with a high level of control amongst the people living there. Sometimes these people would be slaves, otherwise they would be employees.
10. Cotton	The most popular product, on slave plantations, was cotton. Cotton products were being used to support the boom across the UK, specifically on Liverpool's Albert Docks and across factories in Manchester and Salford.
11. Olaudah Equiano	Equiano was a slave who managed to agree a deal, with his owner, to allow him to save up and to buy his own freedom. Equiano went on to write about his experiences of life in slavery.
12. Abolition	In 1833 slavery was formally abolished (ended). It was the end of a campaign, led for years, by people across the UK who had realised that keeping people in slavery was wrong.