

Key facts

- The slave trade was huge!
- British ships transported around 2.6 million enslaved people.
- It has been estimated overall, about 12 million Africans were enslaved and taken to the Americas.
- Europeans began exporting Africans to the Americas (new world) as a source of cheap labour. This was called the Atlantic Slave Trade.
- The death rate of the enslaved people was horrific.
- Unknown millions died in Africa before they even made it to the ships.
- It has been estimated that at least 2 million enslaved Africans died on the Middle Passage across the Atlantic.
- In 1807, Britain made the slave trade illegal.

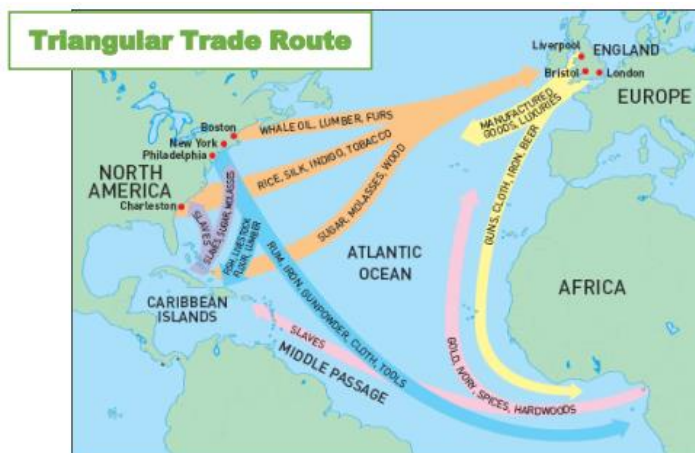
Did you know?

Journeys lasted from six weeks to several months, depending on the weather. The ships were often too small to carry the hundreds of enslaved Africans on board.

Those enslaved were tightly packed into cramped spaces below deck with one person's right leg chained to the left leg of another person.

Conditions on the ships were terrible, and many of those enslaved died from diseases like scurvy and measles.

This topic investigates Britain's involvement in the Transatlantic Slave Trade from the 16th to the 19th centuries. Many European countries transported African captives to the Americas using what was known as the 'Triangular Trade Route'



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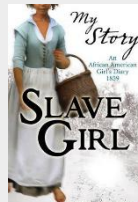
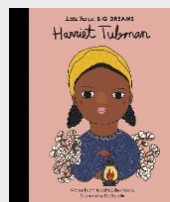
abolish	To do away with or put an end to something
abolitionist	A person who supported the abolition of the slave trade
boycott	To abstain from buying or doing something in protest
campaigner	Someone who fights for a purpose or cause
captive	A prisoner or a person who is enslaved
enslaved	To make a slave of or hold someone in slavery or bondage
rebellion	Resistance to or defiance of any authority, control or tradition
shackles	Handcuffs or chains used to bind a captive
transport	To move something or someone from one place to another.
triangular trade	A pattern of trade connecting three regions and crossing the Atlantic Ocean



Exciting books/ web links:

<https://kids.kiddle.co/Slavery>

https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_history/world_history/slavery/slavery.html



Parents as partners:

You could do some online research with your child. Find some interesting facts about the slave trade. Read a story that is linked to the slave trade.

