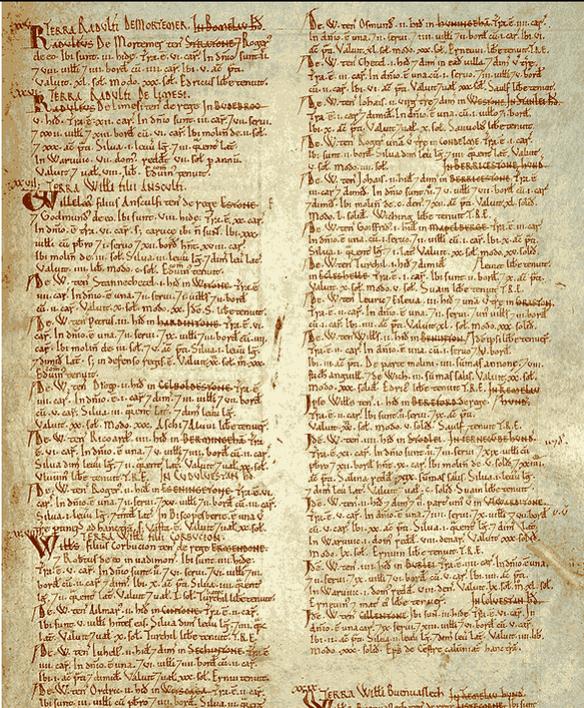


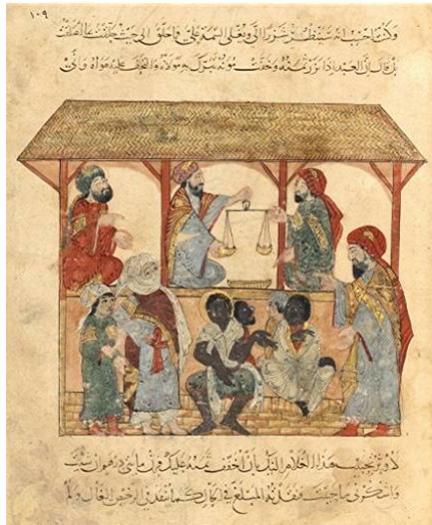
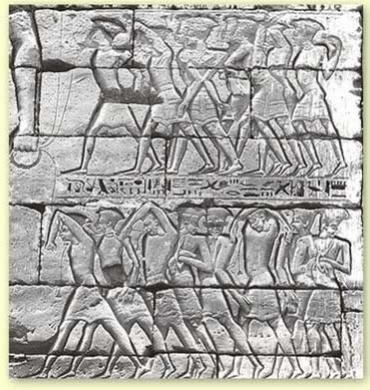
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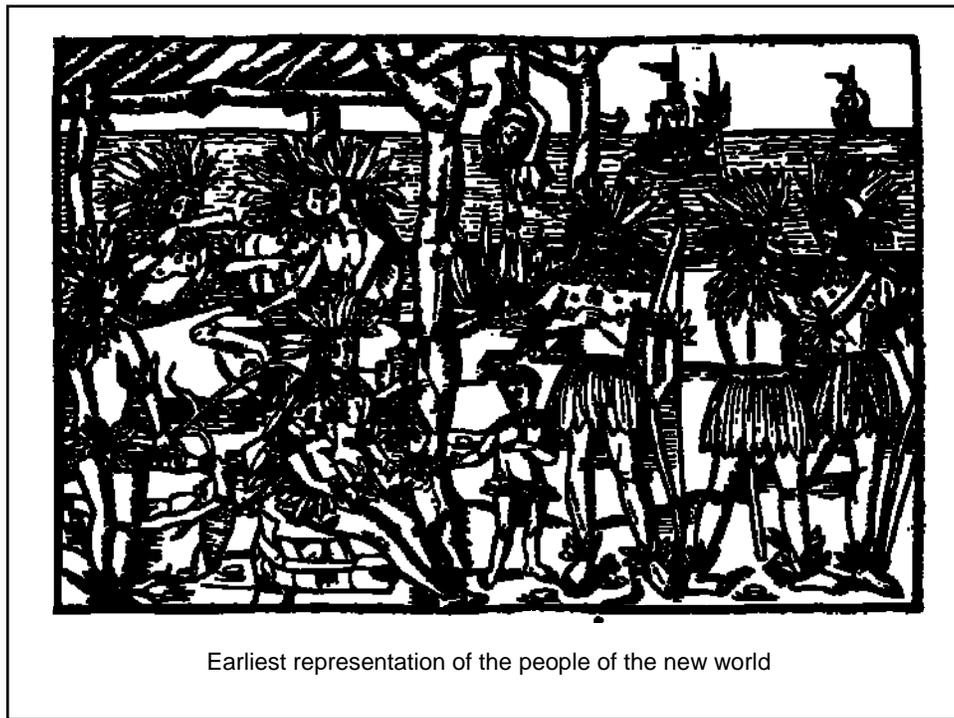
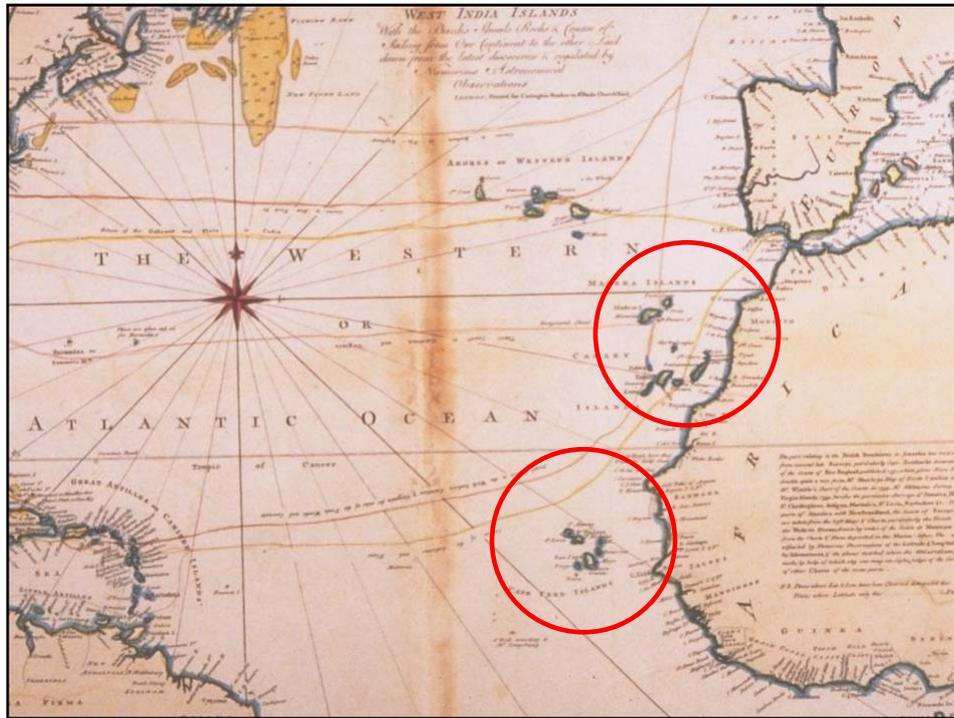


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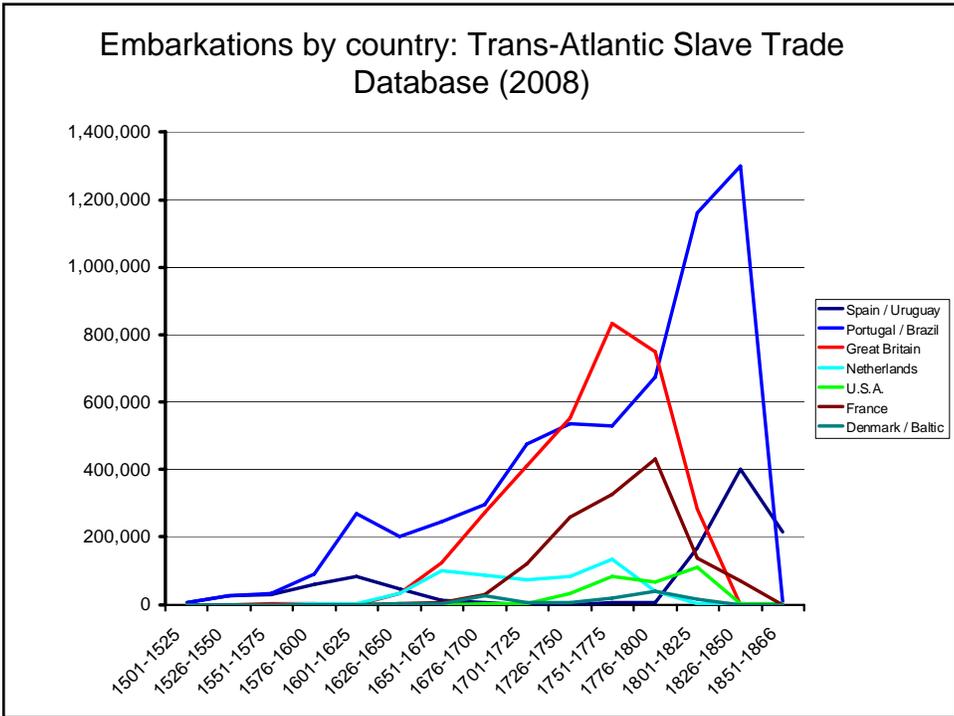
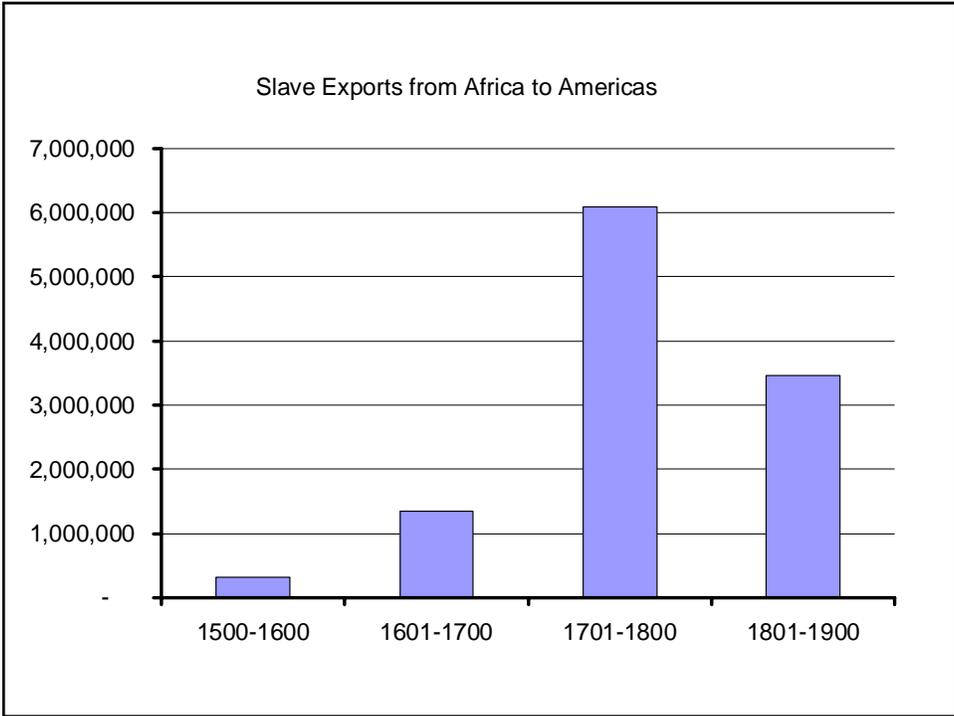


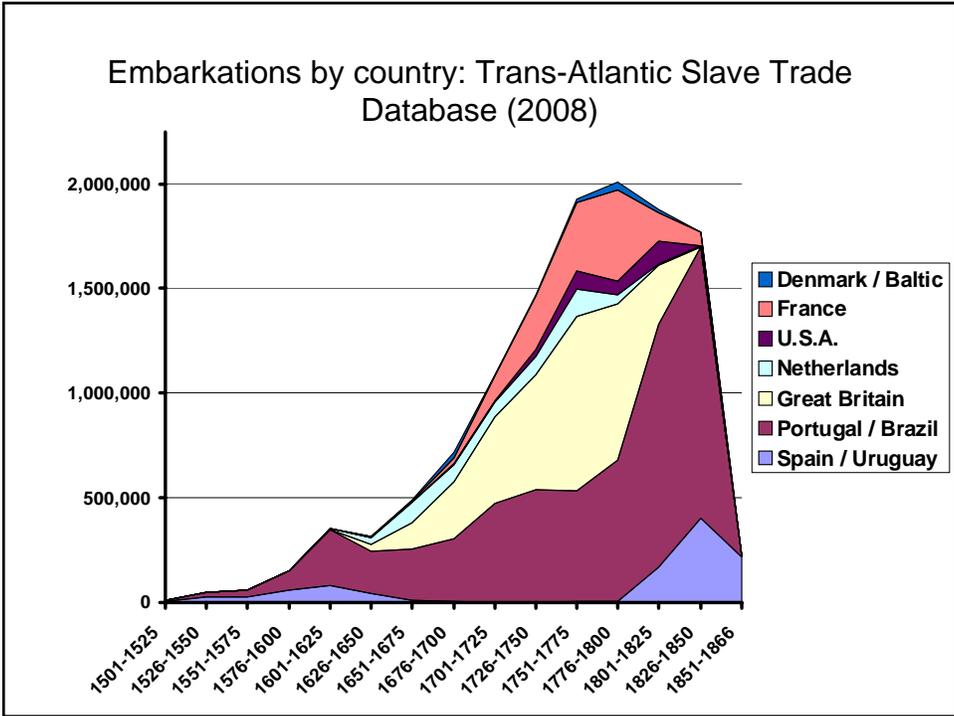


13th Century Slave Market in present day Yemen



Earliest representation of the people of the new world





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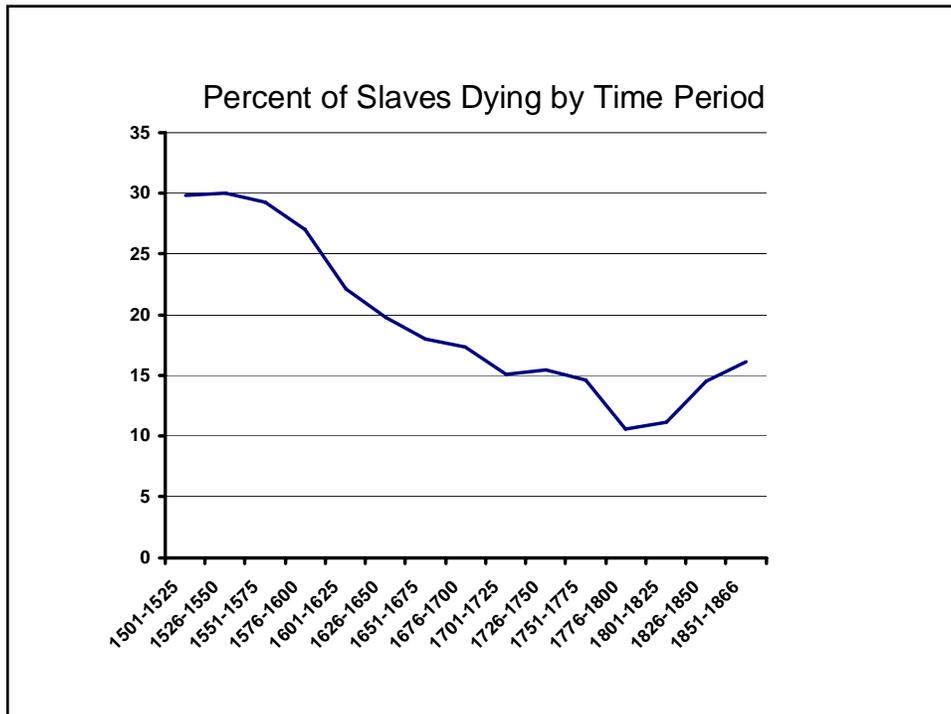
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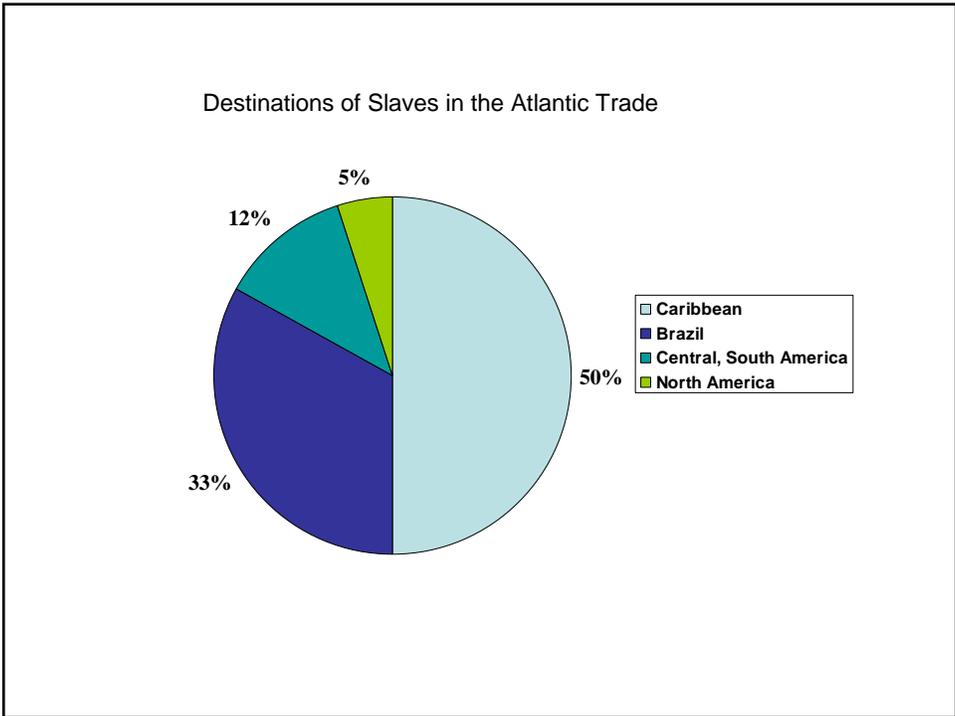
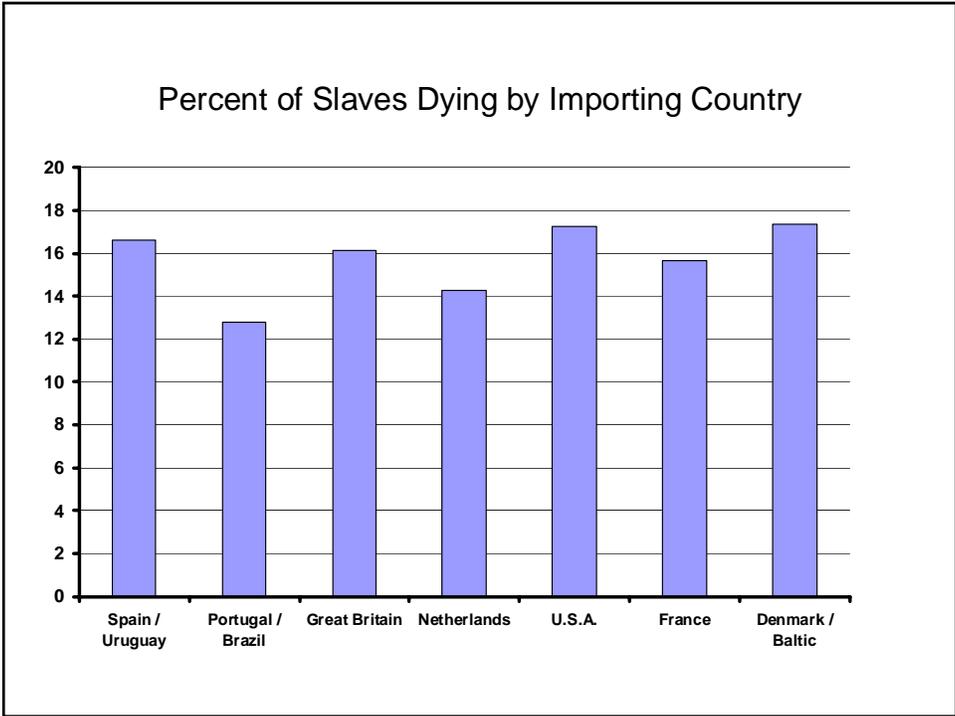
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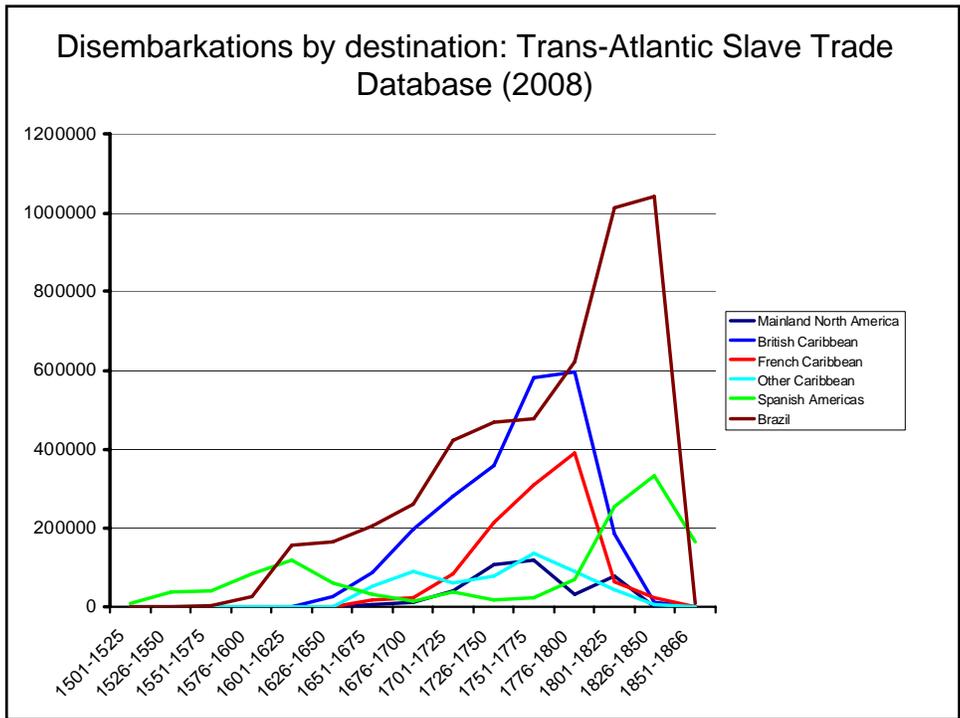
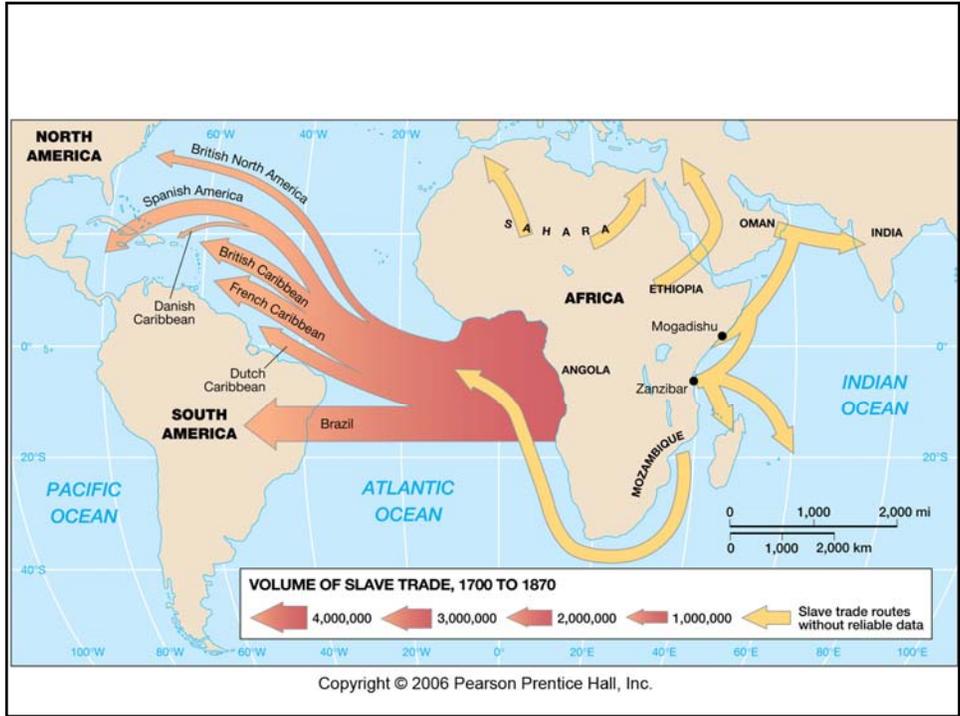
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Inferring mortality:
Latest figures from Trans-Atlantic Slave
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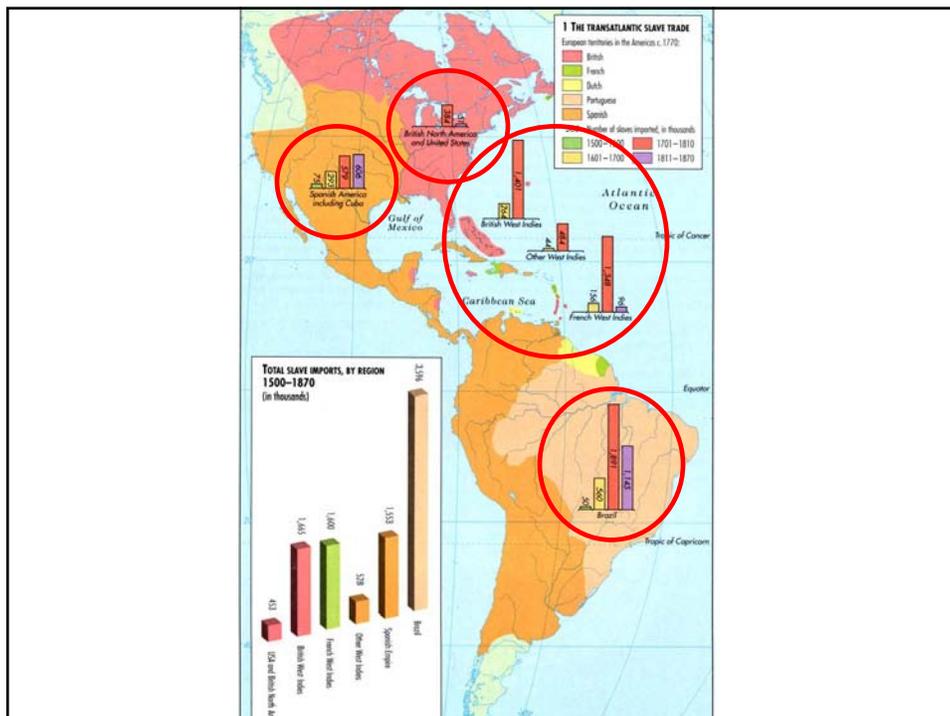
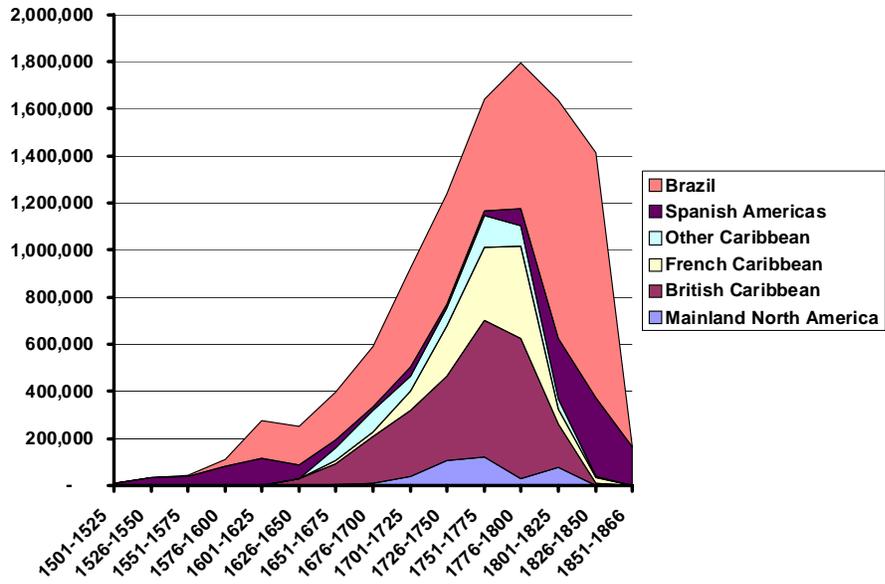
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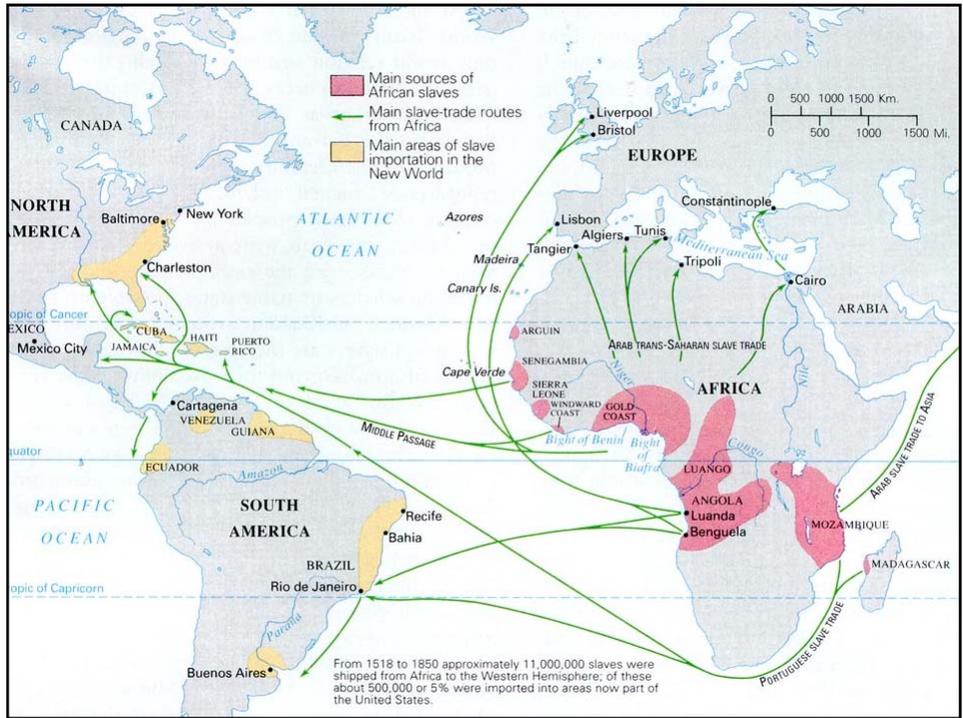




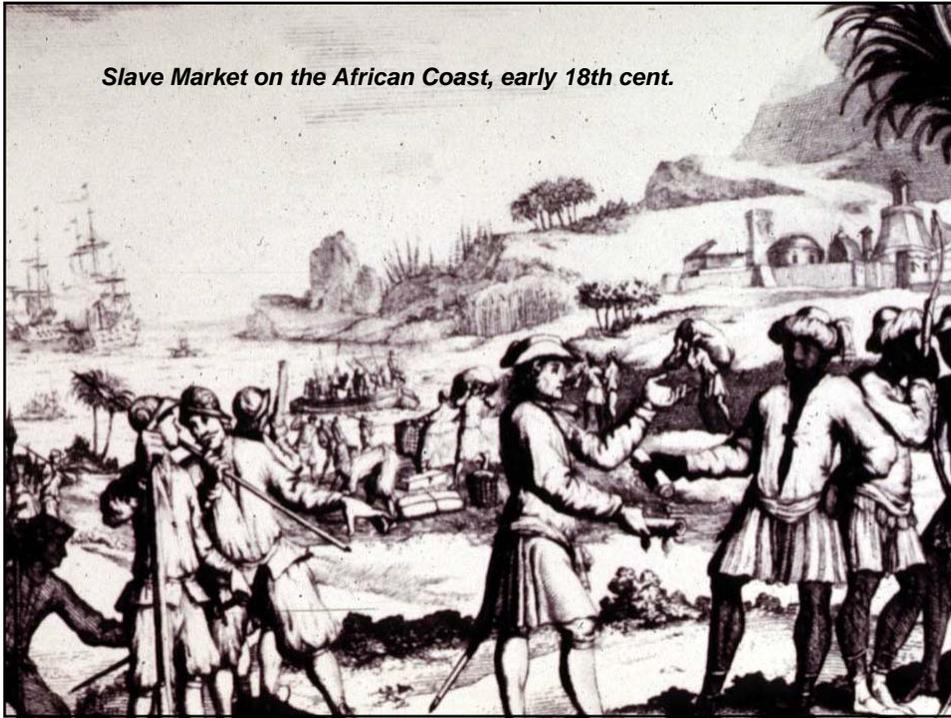


Disembarkations by country: Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database (2008)

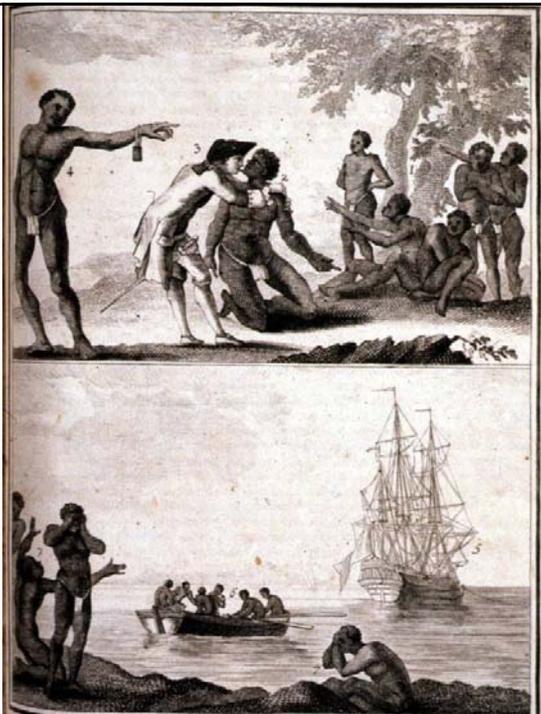


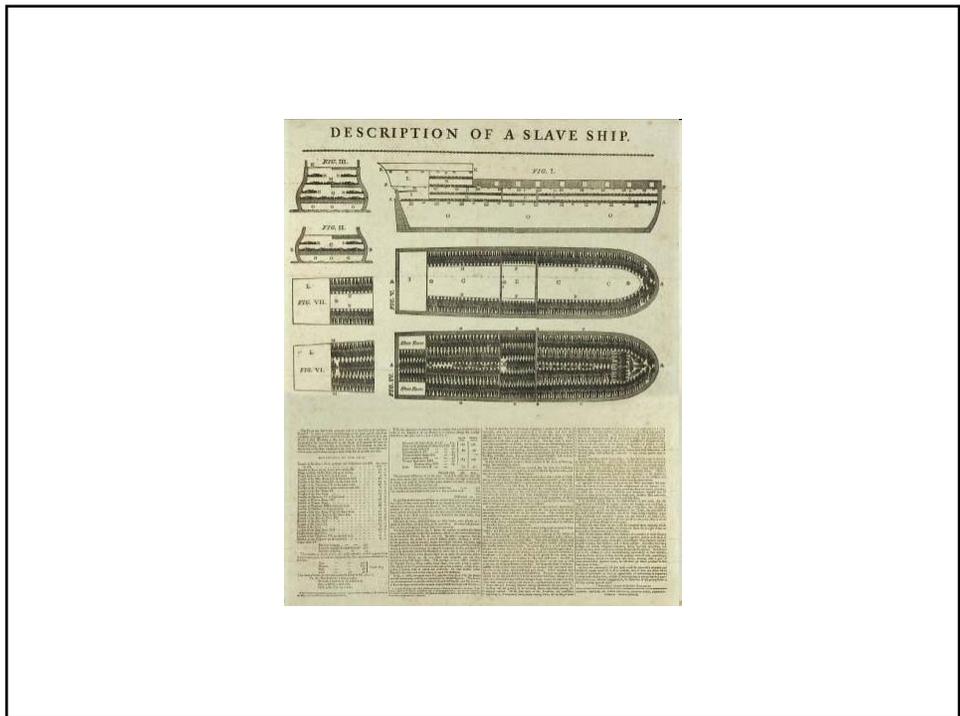
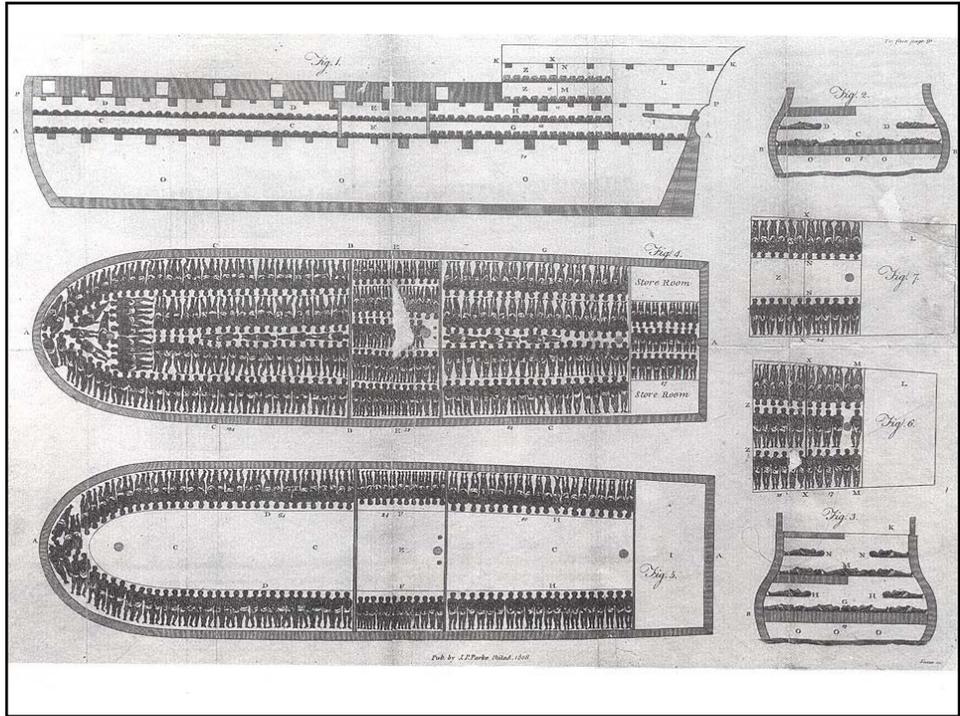


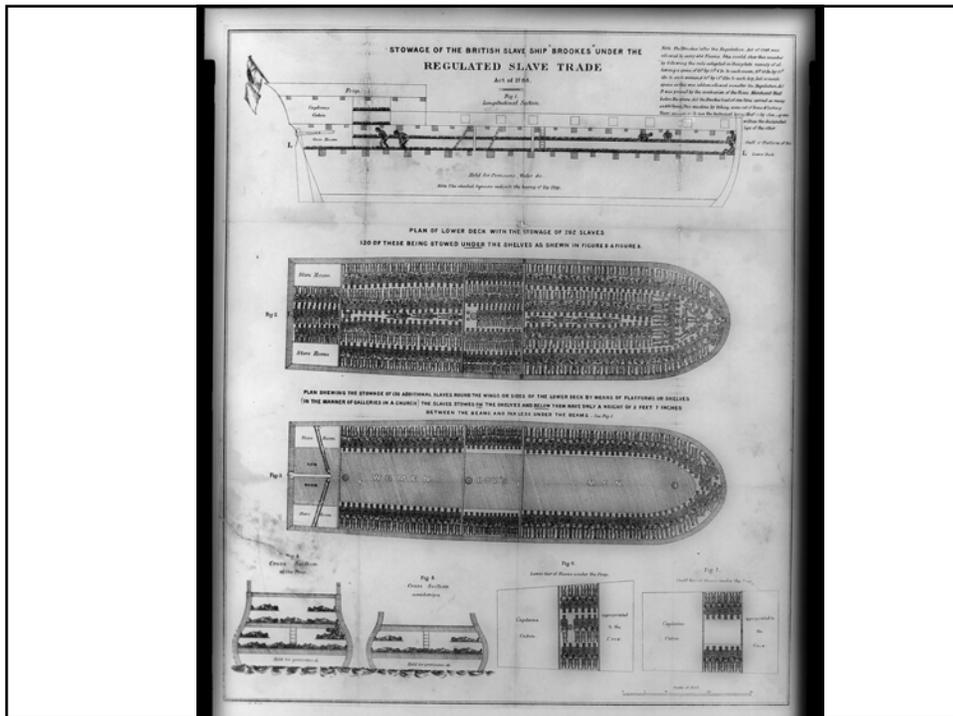
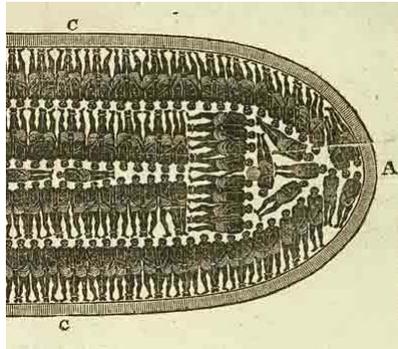
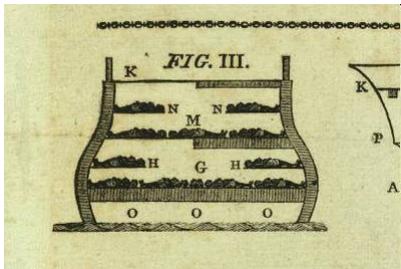
Slave Market on the African Coast, early 18th cent.

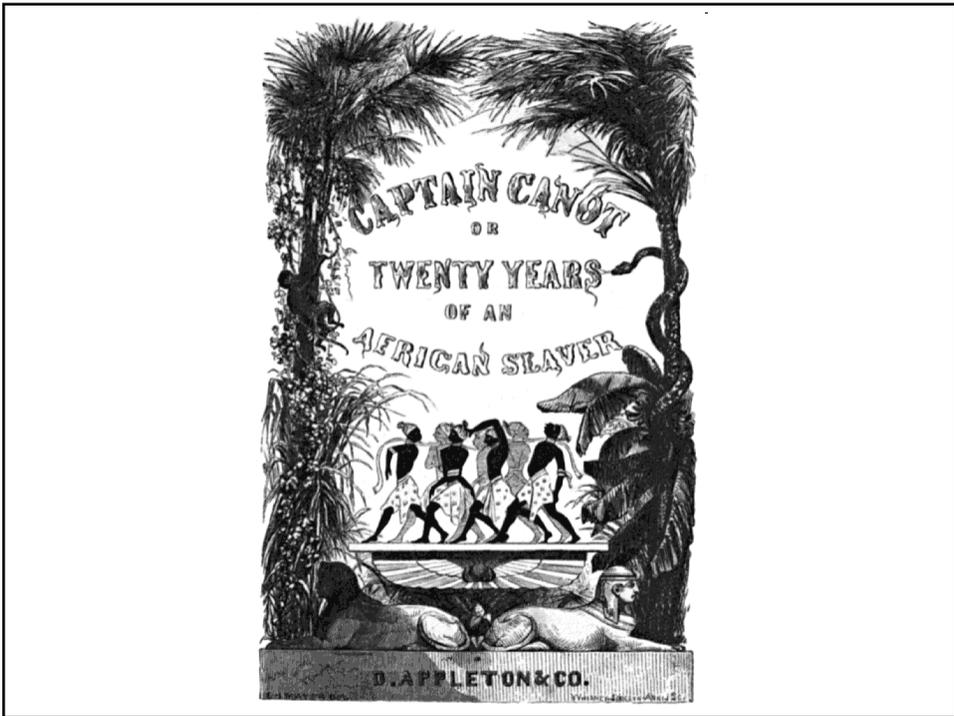
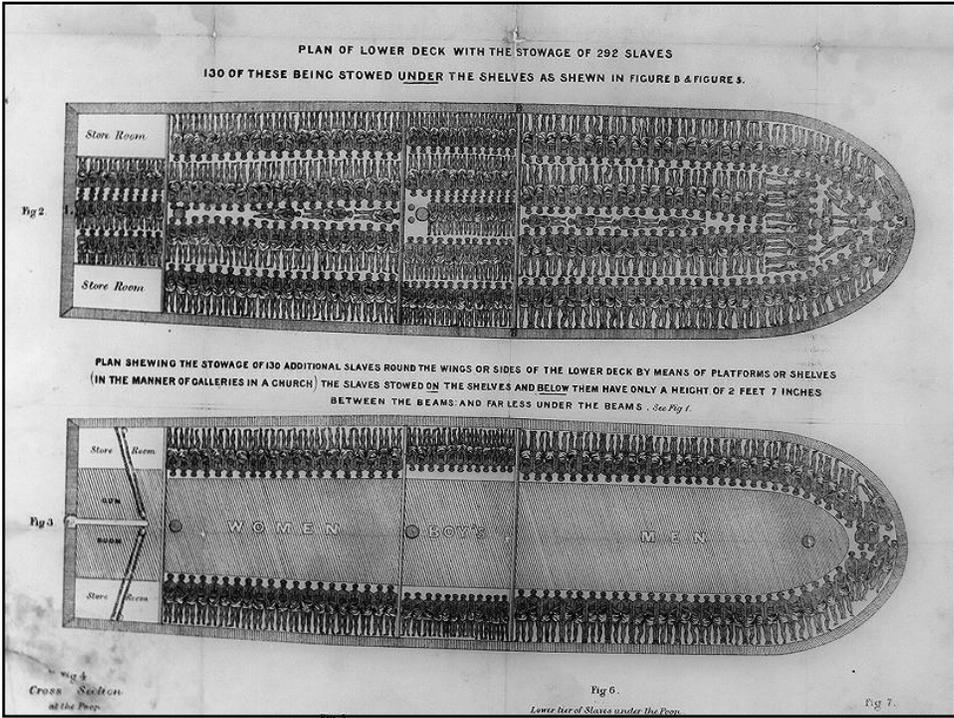


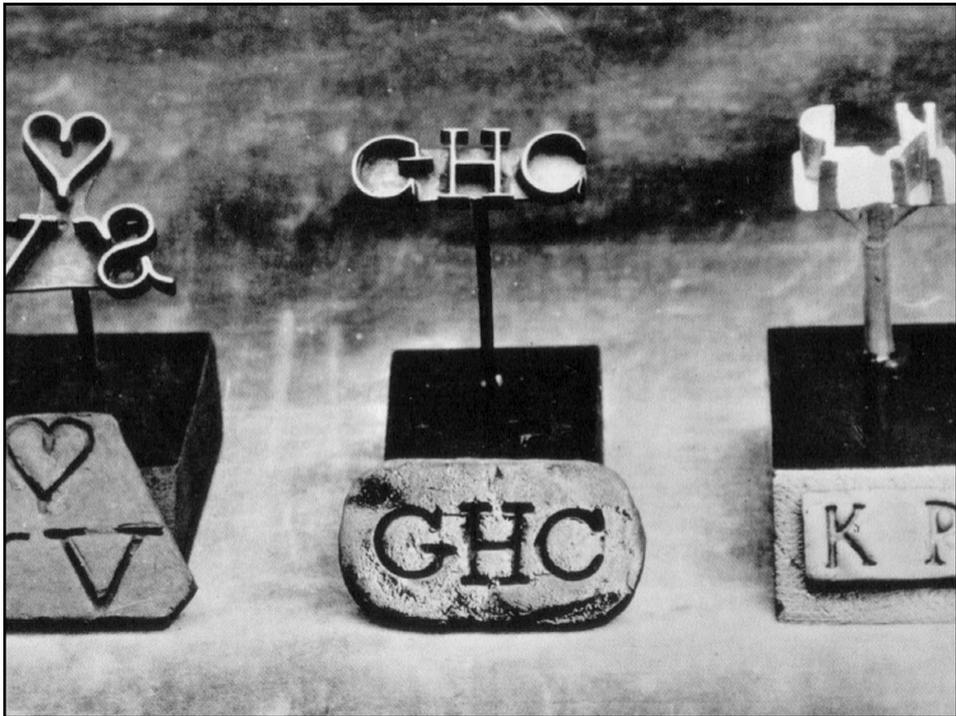
Sale of Enslaved Africans and Transport to Slave Ship, mid-18th cent.

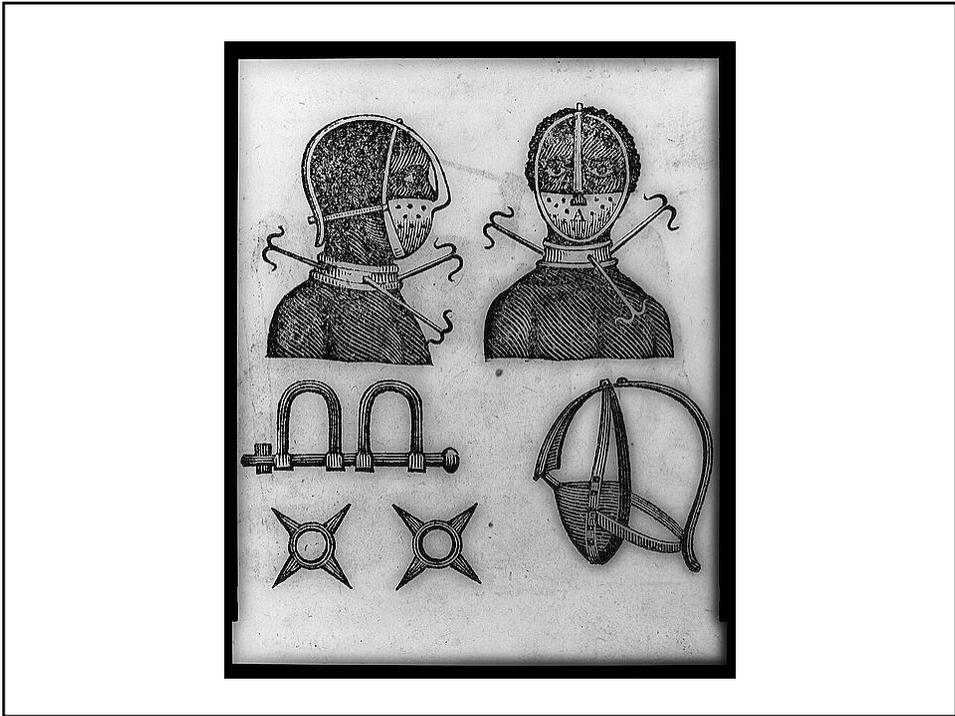












Slave Population of British Colonies

	1680	1750
Caribbean	76,000	295,000
North America	9,000	247,000

Total Slave Disembarkations by 1680 and 1750

	1680	1750
Caribbean	113,976	948,097
North America	4,070	161,121

Ratio of Slave Population to Disembarkations

	1680	1750
Caribbean	0.66	0.31
North America	2.21	1.53

Hypotheses:

Mortality higher in West Indies, due to

- disease environment
- dietary deficiencies (protein, thiamine, vitamin A, and calcium), and overall caloric intake
- brutality of work conditions on large plantations with absentee owners
- Easy availability of additional slaves from Africa
- Infanticide/suicide as slave resistance

Hypotheses:

Fertility lower in West Indies because of

- African lactation practices and taboos on intercourse after giving birth, reinforced by continued high importation from Africa
- dietary deficiencies leading to late menarche and low fecundity
- skewed sex ratios
- absence of slave breeding by planters
- work conditions—excessive labor reduced fecundity

Crude Birth Rates among slaves,
early 19th century:

- Jamaica: 23
- United States: 53

Measuring the brutality of slavery

- Fogel and Engerman, *Time on the Cross*:
 - *0.7 whippings per slave per year*
- Herbert Gutman, *Slavery and the Numbers Game*:
 - *Same data, one slave whipped every 4.56 days*



HORRID MASSACRE IN VIRGINIA.



The Scenes which the above Plate is designed to represent are—Fig. 1. a Mother interceding for the lives of her children.—2. Mr. Travis, cruelly murdered by his own Slaves.—3. Mr. Barrow, who bravely defended himself until his wife escaped.—4. A comp. of mounted Dragoons in pursuit of the Blacks.

TO BE SOLD, on WEDNESDAY 3d AUGUST next
 By COWPER & TELFAIRS,
 A C A R G O
 Of 170 prime young likely healthy
 GUINEA SLAVES,
 Just imported, in the Bark Friends, William Ross Master, directly from
 Angola. Savannah, July 25, 1774.

To be Sold at Private Sale, any Time before the 18th of
 next Month.

THE PLANTATION, containing one hundred acres, on which the
 subscriber lives, very pleasantly situated on Savannah River in sight
 of town. The terms of sale may be known by applying to
 July 21, 1774. RICHARD WILLY.

W A N T E D,
 A N O V E R S E E R thoroughly qualified to undertake the settlement of
 a River Swamp Plantation on the Altamaha River. Any such
 person, who can bring proper recommendations, may hear of great en-
 couragement by applying to NATHANIEL HALL.

THE subscriber being under an absolute necessity of closing his concern without de-
 lay, gives this last publick notice, that all persons indebted to him by bond,
 note or otherwise, who do not discharge the same by the first day of October next,
 will find their respective obligations, &c. in the hands of an Attorney to be sued for
 without distinction. It is hoped the concerned will avail themselves of this notice.
 PHILIP BOX.

RUN AWAY the 20th of May last from John Forbes, Esq.'s plantation in St.
 John's parish, TWO NEGROES, named BILLY and QUAMINA, of the
 Guinea Country, and speak good English. Billy is lathy and well made, about 5 feet
 10 or 11 inches high, of a black complexion, has lost some of his upper teeth, and
 had on when he was away a white negro cloth jacket and trousers of the same.
 Quamina is stout and well made, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, very black,
 has his country marks on his face. had on when he was away a jacket, trousers
 and rabbie, of white negro cloth. Whoever takes up said Negroes, and delivers
 them to me at the above plantation, or to the Warden of the Work-House in Savan-
 nah, shall receive a reward of 20s. besides what the law allows.
 DAVIS AUSTIN.

 Negroes for Sale.

A Cargo of very fine stout Men and
 Women, in good order and fit for
 immediate service, just imported
 from the Windward Coast of Afri-
 ca, in the Ship Two Brothers.—
 Conditions are one half Cash or Produce, the other
 half payable the first of January next, giving Bond
 and Security if required.
 The Sale to be opened at 10 o'Clock each Day, in
 Mr. Bourdeaux's Yard, at No. 48, on the Bay.
 May 19, 1784. JOHN MITCHELL.

Thirty Seasoned Negroes
 To be Sold for Credit, at Private Sale.

A MONGST which is a Carpenter, none of
 whom are known to be dishonest.
 Also, to be sold for Cash, a regular bred young
 Negroe Man-Cook, born in this Country, who
 served several Years under an exceeding good
 French Cook abroad, and his Wife a middle aged
 Washer-Woman, (both very honest) and their two
 Children. Likewise, a young Man a Carpenter.
 For Terms apply to the Printer.

CASH!

All persons that have **SLAVES** to dispose of, will do well by giving me a call, as I will give the

**HIGHEST PRICE FOR
Men, Women, &
CHILDREN.**

Any person that wishes to sell, will call at Hill's tavern, or at Shannon Hill for me, and any information they want will be promptly attended to.

Thomas Griggs.

Charlestown, May 7, 1835.

PRINTED AT THE FREE PRESS OFFICE, CHARLESTOWN.

SALE OF NEGROES,

Mills, Mules, Hogs,
FARMING & MINING TOOLS,
WAGONS AND CARTS.

Will be sold in Columbia County, at the Columbia Mines, 14 miles North of Thomson, on

TUESDAY, August 14th,

the following valuable property of the Columbia Mining Company.

The **GRIST, FLOUR, and SAW Mills**, on Little River, known as the Little River Mills, with four run of Burr Stones. There are 5 3/4 acres of Land, with a Store House, Dwelling House, and all necessary out-buildings on the premises.

Also,--a large lot of Stock Hogs. The Mill has a good run of custom, was established in 1812, and is centrally located.

TERMS:--One-fourth Cash; the balance at twelve months, with interest and approved security.

Also,--Eight first rate Mules, Wagons, Carts, Carry Log, all with iron axles; two sets Blacksmith's Tools, Chains, Ropes, Picks, Shovels, Drills, Axes, and all varieties of Mining Tools; a large quantity of Iron and Steel, and a variety of articles useful to Planters.

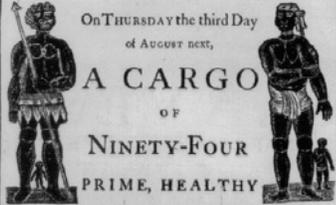
On THURSDAY, August 16th,

At THOMSON, on the Georgia Railroad, 40 miles above Augusta, will be sold, the following valuable Negroes, belonging to the same concern.

LITTLE JOE and SIMON, Blacksmiths; **WILSON**, a Miller; **ANTHONY, LITTLE PETER, GEORGE, RANDAL, WILLIAM,** and **MARCH**, Field Hands; **CUPID**, a Sawyer; **NOSES**,

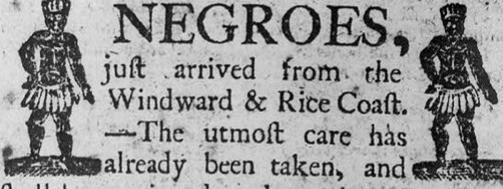
Charlestown, July 24th, 1769.

TO BE SOLD,
On THURSDAY the third Day
of AUGUST next,
A CARGO
OF
NINETY-FOUR
PRIME, HEALTHY



NEGROES,
CONSISTING OF
Thirty-nine MEN, Fifteen BOYS,
Twenty-four WOMEN, and
Sixteen GIRLS.
JUST ARRIVED,
In the Brigantine *DEMBIA*, *Francis*
Bare, Master, from *SIERRA-*
LEON, by
DAVID & JOHN DEAS.

TO BE SOLD, on board the
Ship *Bance Island*, on tuesday the 6th
of *May* next, at *Appleby-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.
Aulkin, Laurens, & Appleby.

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



CHARLESTOWN, April 27, 1769.

TO BE SOLD,
On WEDNESDAY the Tenth Day of
MAY next,
A CHOICE CARGO OF
Two Hundred & Fifty



NEGROES:
ARRIVED in the Ship
COUNTESS of SUSSEX, THOMAS DAVIES,
Master, directly from GAMBIA, by
JOHN CHAPMAN, & Co.

* * THIS is the Vessel that had the Small-Pox
on Board at the Time of her Arrival the 31st of
March last: Every necessary Precaution hath since
been taken to cleanse both Ship and Cargo thoroughly,
so that those who may be inclined to purchase need not
be under the least Apprehension of Danger from In-
fection.
The NEGROES are allowed to be the likeliest Parcel
that have been imported this Season.

1769

10 LIKELY and VALUABLE SLAVES AT AUCTION.

On **THURSDAY** the **24th inst.**
WE WILL SELL,

In front of our Office, without any kind of limit or reserve for cash,
AT 11 O'CLOCK,

10 AS LIKELY NEGROES

As any ever offered in this market; among them is a man who is a superior Cook and House Servant, and a girl about 17 years old, a first rate House Servant, and an excellent seamstress.

BROOKE & HUBBARD,
Auctioneers.

Wednesday, July 23, 1823.

SALE OF VALUABLE SLAVES,

(On account of departure)

The Owner of the following named and valuable Slaves, being on the eve of departure for Europe, will cause the same to be offered for sale, at the NEW EXCHANGE, corner of St. Louis and Chartres streets, on *Saturday*, May 16, at Twelve o'Clock, *viz.*

1. SARAH, a mulatress, aged 45 years, a good cook and accustomed to house work in general, is an excellent and faithful nurse for sick persons, and in every respect a first rate character.
2. DENNIS, her son, a mulatto, aged 24 years, a first rate cook and steward for a vessel, having been in that capacity for many years on board one of the Middle packets; is strictly honest, temperate, and a first rate subject.
3. GHOLE, a mulatress, aged 36 years, she is, without exception, one of the most competent seamstresses in the country, a first rate washer and ironer, does up laces, a good cook, and for a bachelor who wishes a housekeeper she would be invaluable; she is also a good ladies' maid, having travelled to the North in that capacity.
4. FANNY, her daughter, a mulatress, aged 16 years, speaks French and English, is a superior hair-dresser, (pupil of Guillou,) a good seamstress and ladies' maid, is smart, intelligent, and a first rate character.
5. DANDRIDGE, a mulatto, aged 26 years, a first rate dining-room servant, a good painter and rough carpenter, and has but few equals for honesty and sobriety.
6. NANCY, his wife, aged about 24 years, a confidential house servant, good seamstress, mantua-maker and tailress, a good cook, washer and ironer, &c.
7. MARY ANN, her child, a creole, aged 7 years, speaks French and English, is smart, active and intelligent.
8. FANNY or FRANCES, a mulatress, aged 22 years, is a first rate washer and ironer, good cook and house servant, and has an excellent character.
9. EMMA, an orphan, aged 10 or 11 years, speaks French and English, has been in the country 7 years, has been accustomed to waiting on tables, sewing, &c.; is intelligent and active.
10. FRANK, a mulatto, aged about 32 years speaks French and English, is a first rate butler and coachman, understands perfectly well the management of horses, and is, in every respect, a first rate character; with the exception that he will occasionally drink, though not an habitual drunkard.

Note. All the above named Slaves are well educated and excellent subjects; they were purchased by their present vendor many years ago, and will, therefore, be severally warranted against all vices and maladies prescribed by law, save and except FRANK, who is fully guaranteed in every other respect but the one above mentioned.

TERMS.—One-half Cash, and the other half in notes of Six months, drawn and endorsed by the signature of the

\$100 REWARD!

RANAWAY

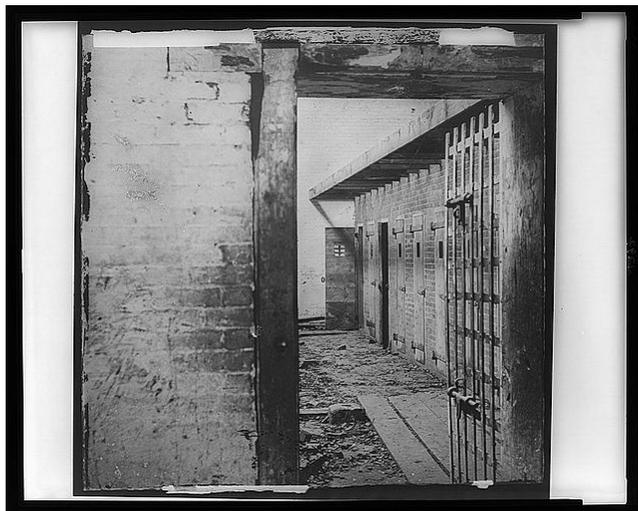
From the undersigned, living on Current River, about twelve miles above Doniphan, in Ripley County, Mo., on 2nd of March, 1860, **A NE GRO MAN**, about 30 years old, weighs about 160 pounds; high forehead, with a scar on it; had on brown pants and coat very much worn, and an old black wool hat; shoes size No. 11.

The above reward will be given to any person who may apprehend this said negro out of the State: and fifty dollars if apprehended in this State outside of Ripley county, or \$25 if taken in Ripley county.
APOS TUCKER.



Slaves on
Smith's
Plantation,
Beaufort,
South
Carolina.
Photographed
in 1862

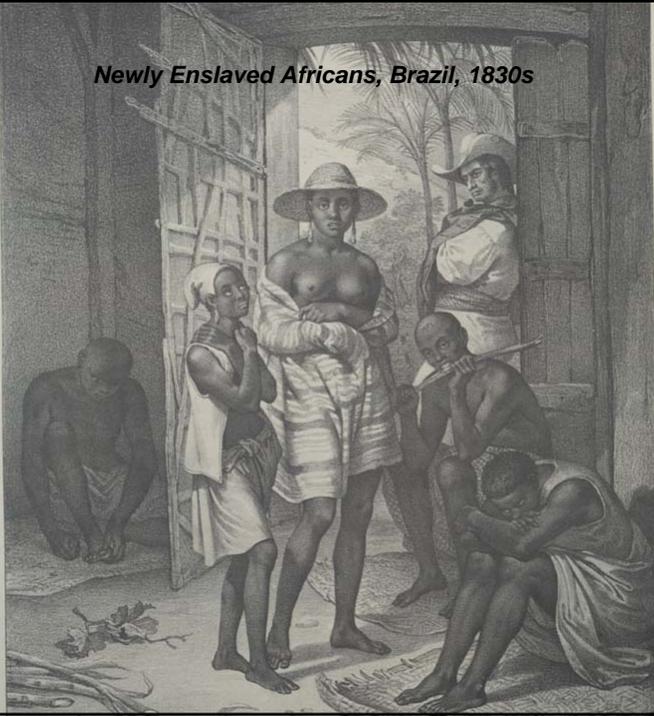




Interior view of a slave pen, showing the doors of cells where the slaves were held before being sold. Slave pen, Alexandria, Va. Photographed between 1861 and 1865

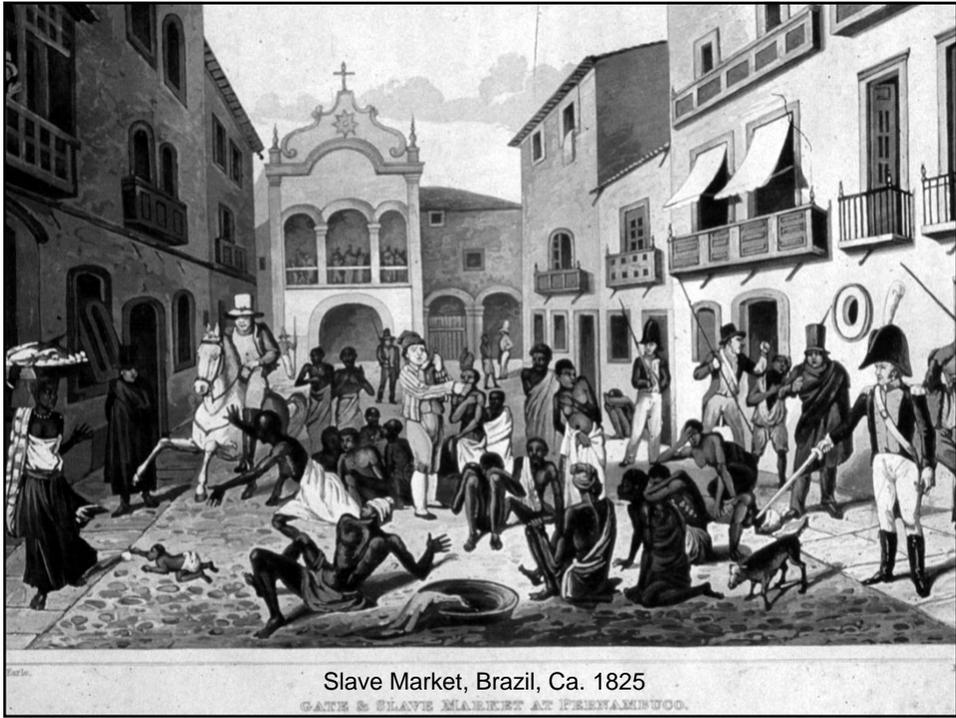


Newly Enslaved Africans, Brazil, 1830s



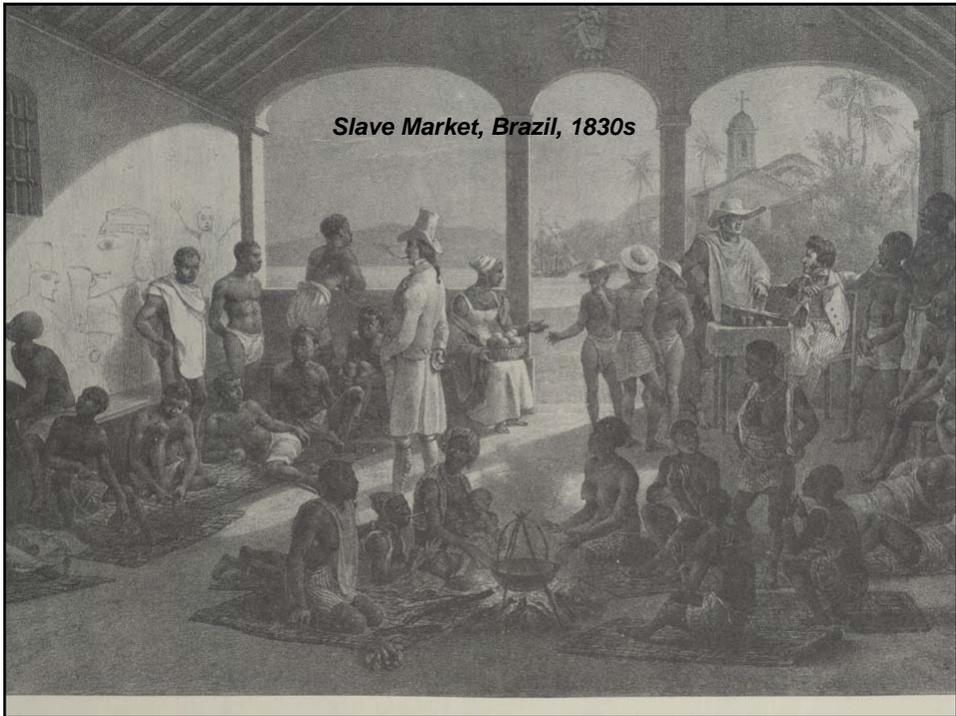
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Brazilian Plantation



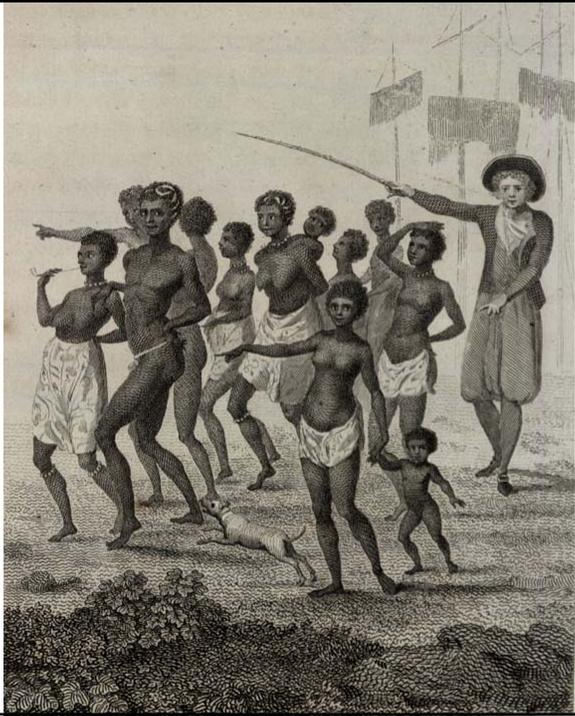
Slave Market, Brazil, Ca. 1825

GATE & SLAVE MARKET AT FERREIRAS.

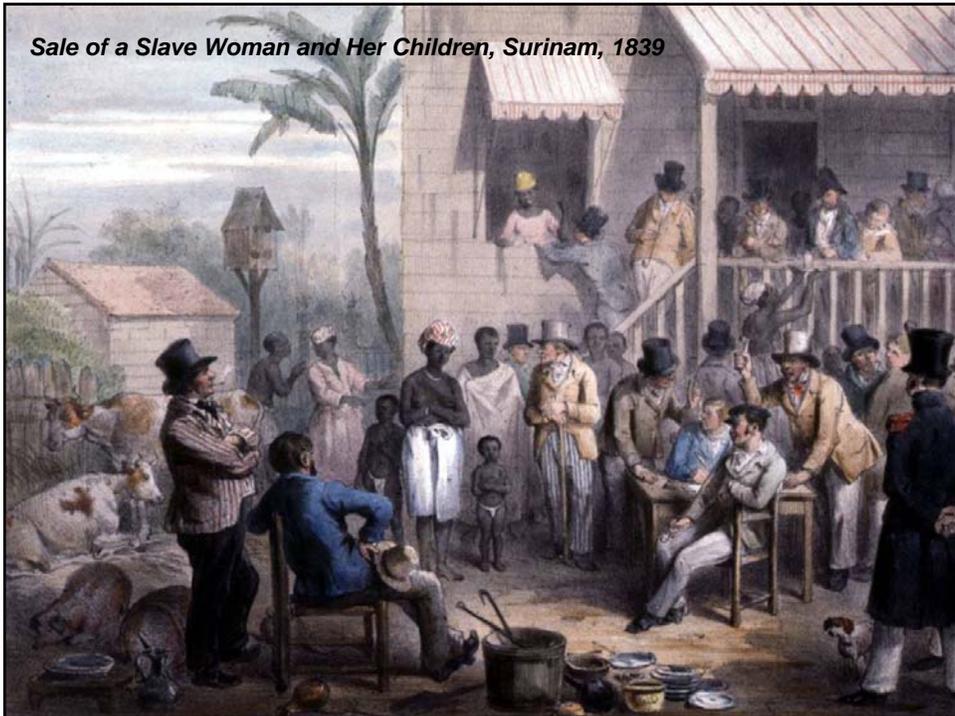


Slave Market, Brazil, 1830s

*Newly Arrived Slaves,
Surinam, 1770s*

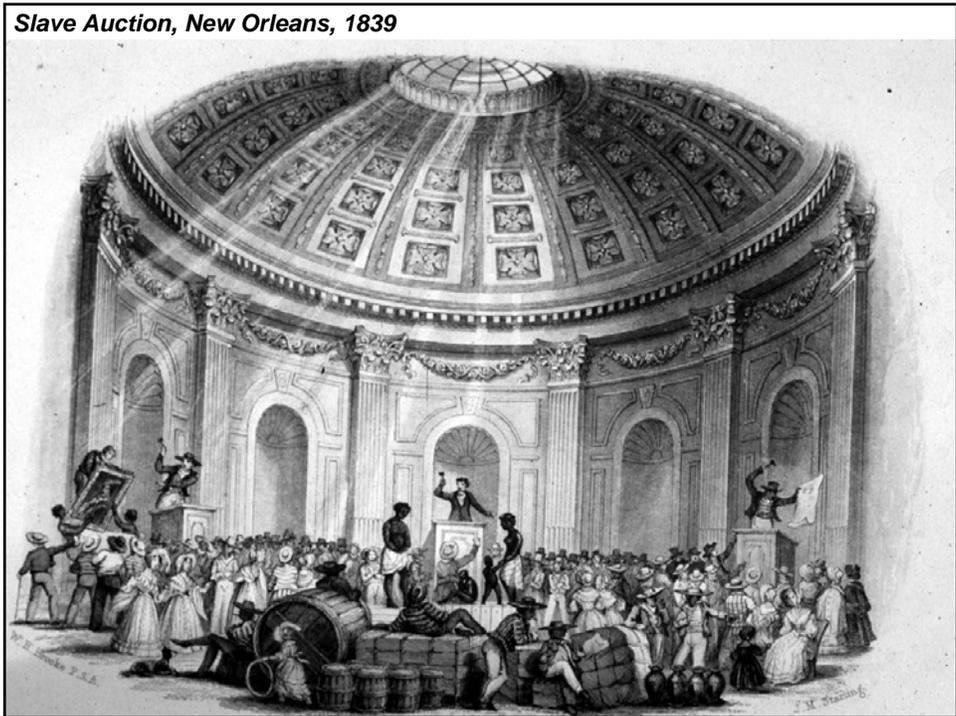


Sale of a Slave Woman and Her Children, Surinam, 1839

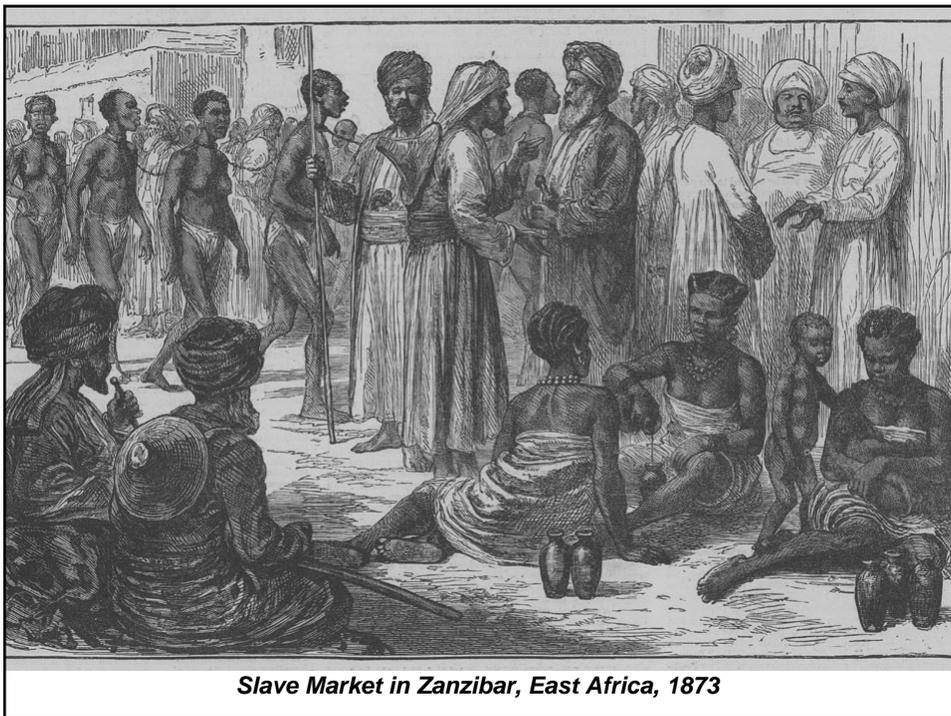
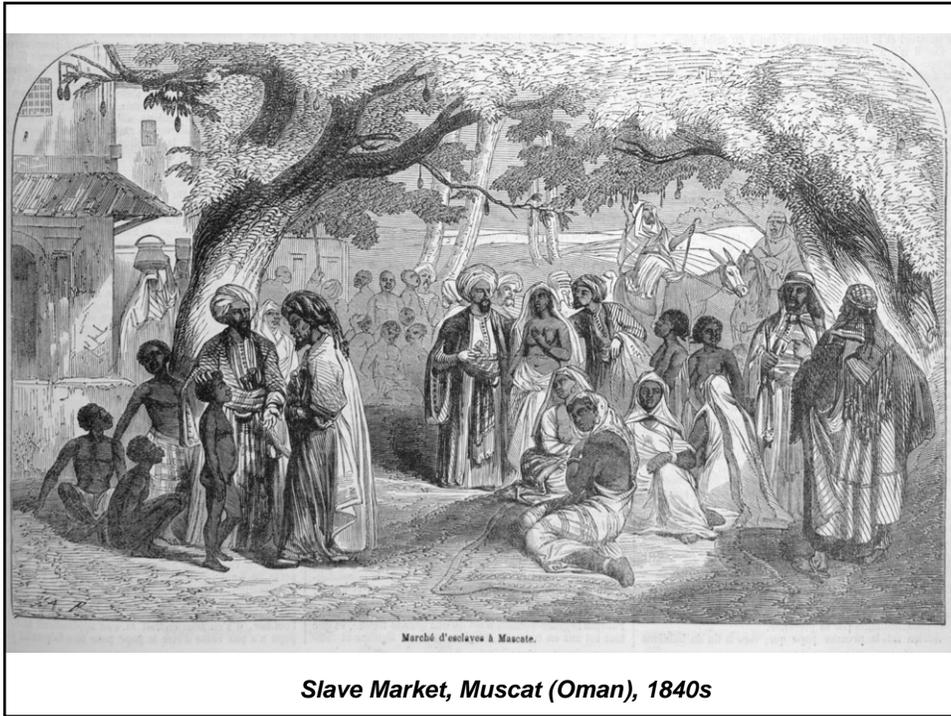




Slave Auction, Martinique, 1826



Slave Auction, New Orleans, 1839



**Slave Market,
Zanzibar, 1864**

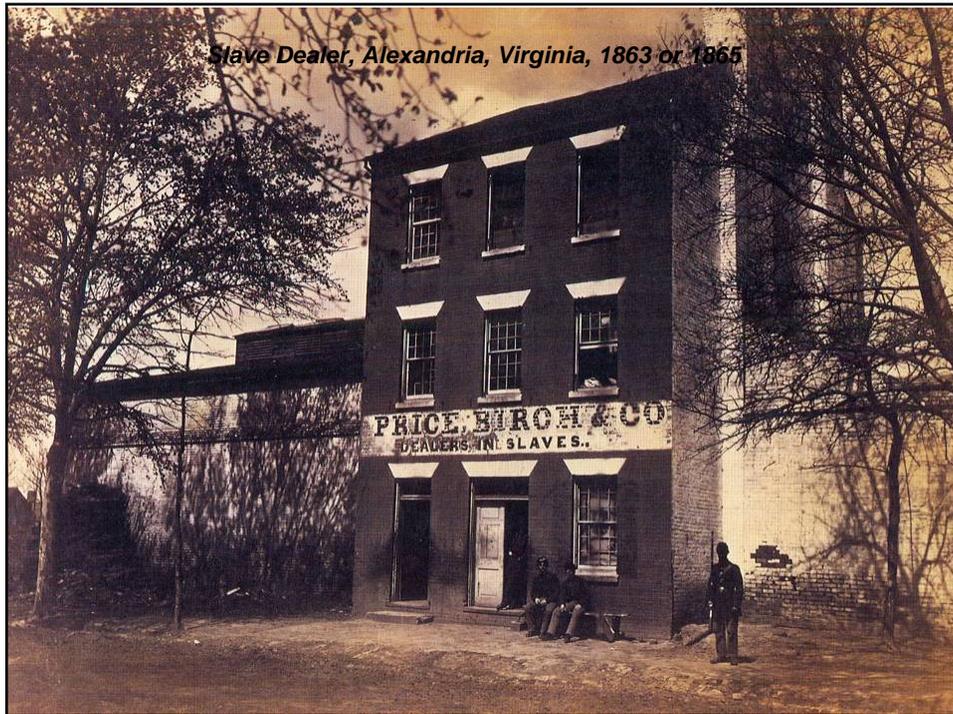


Slave Market, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1819-1820





Slave market, Charleston SC, 1850s



Slave Dealer, Alexandria, Virginia, 1863 or 1865