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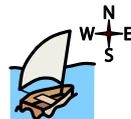
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In the 16th century Europeans sailed to America.



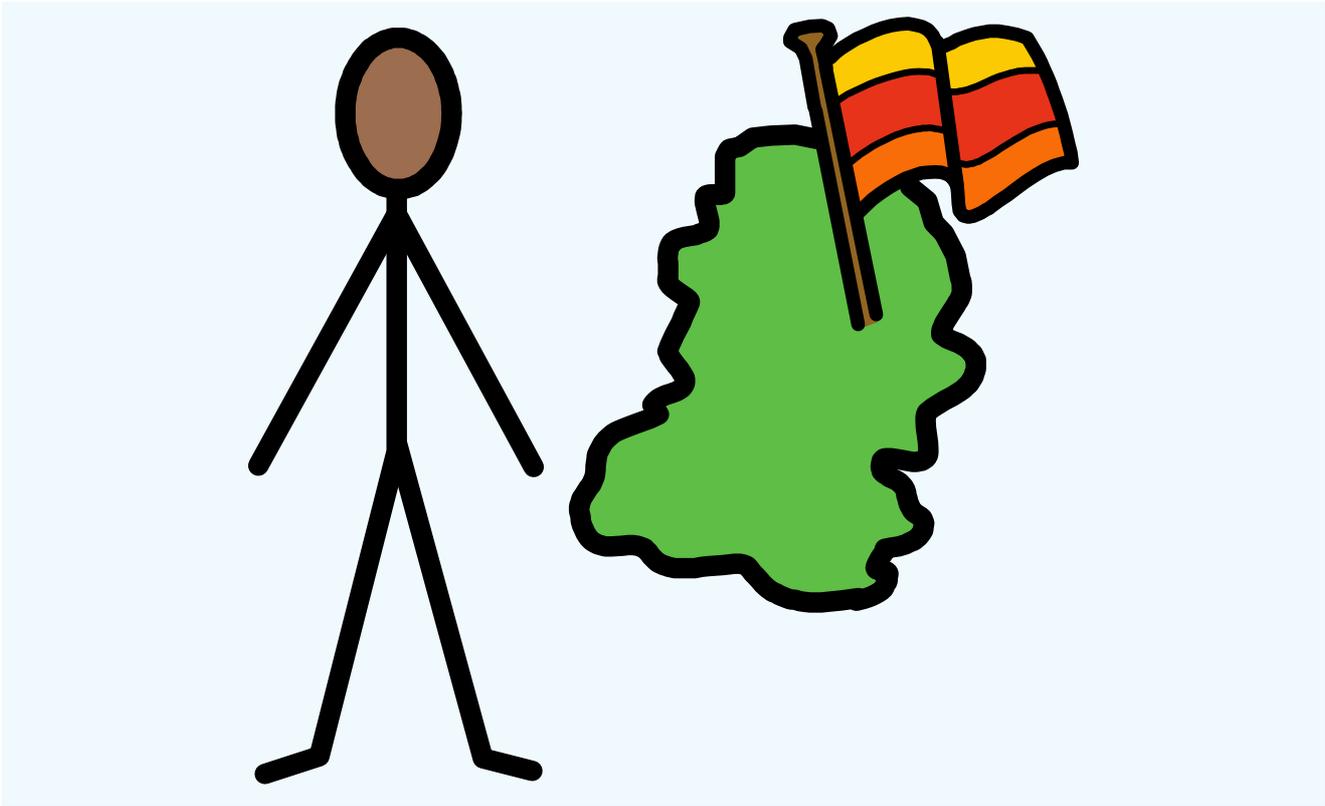
They built plantations to grow cash crops.



The plantations grew tobacco, sugar and cotton.



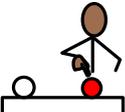
Europeans wanted cheap labour to grow the crops.

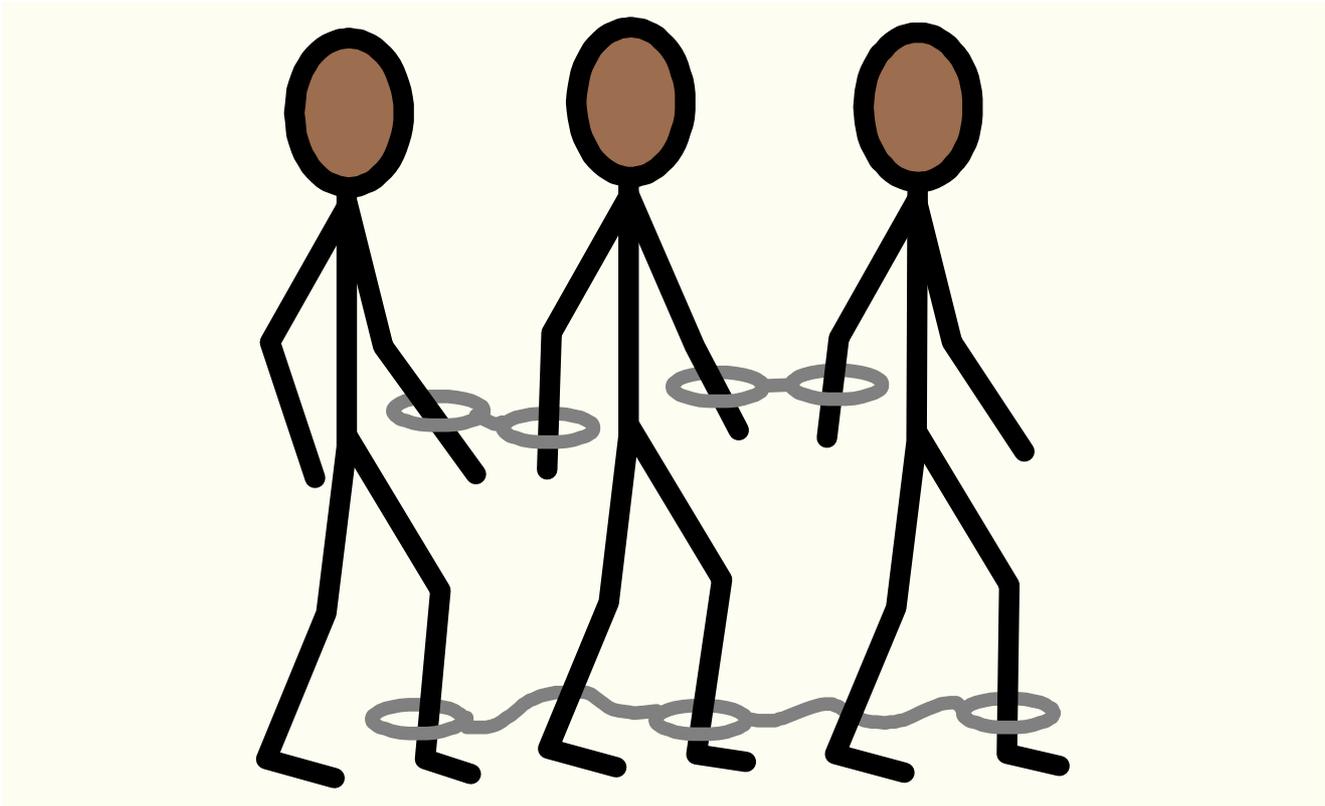


The  Spanish  had  enslaved  the  indigenous peoples.

The  Indians  died  from  diseases  and  harsh  treatment.

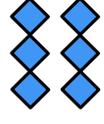
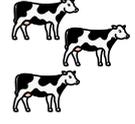
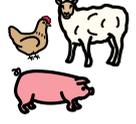
The  Europeans  began  buying  slaves  from  Africa.

This  became  known  as the  Atlantic slave trade.

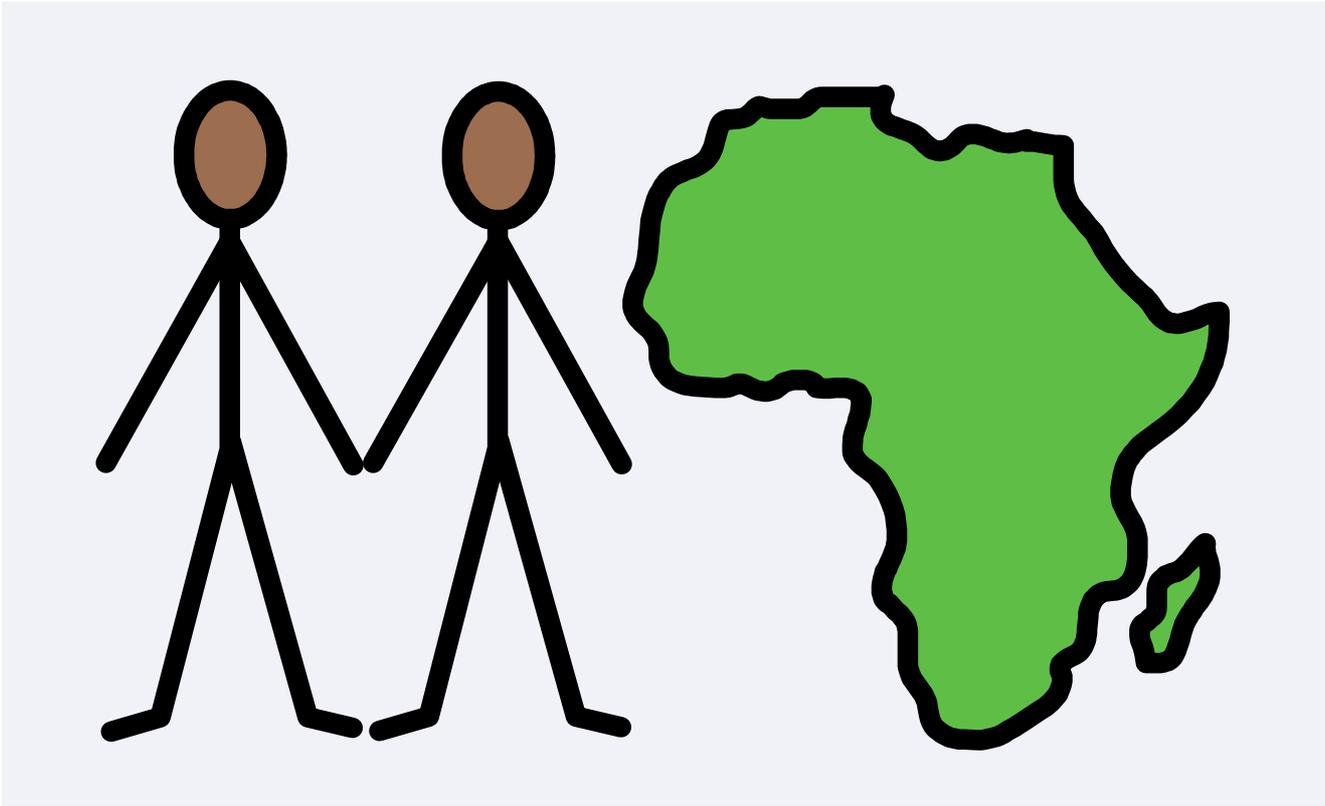


A  slave is a  person who is  owned by  someone else.

A  slave is  forced to  work  without  pay.

A  slave is  owned  like  cattle or  livestock.

A  slave  can be  bought and  sold as  property.

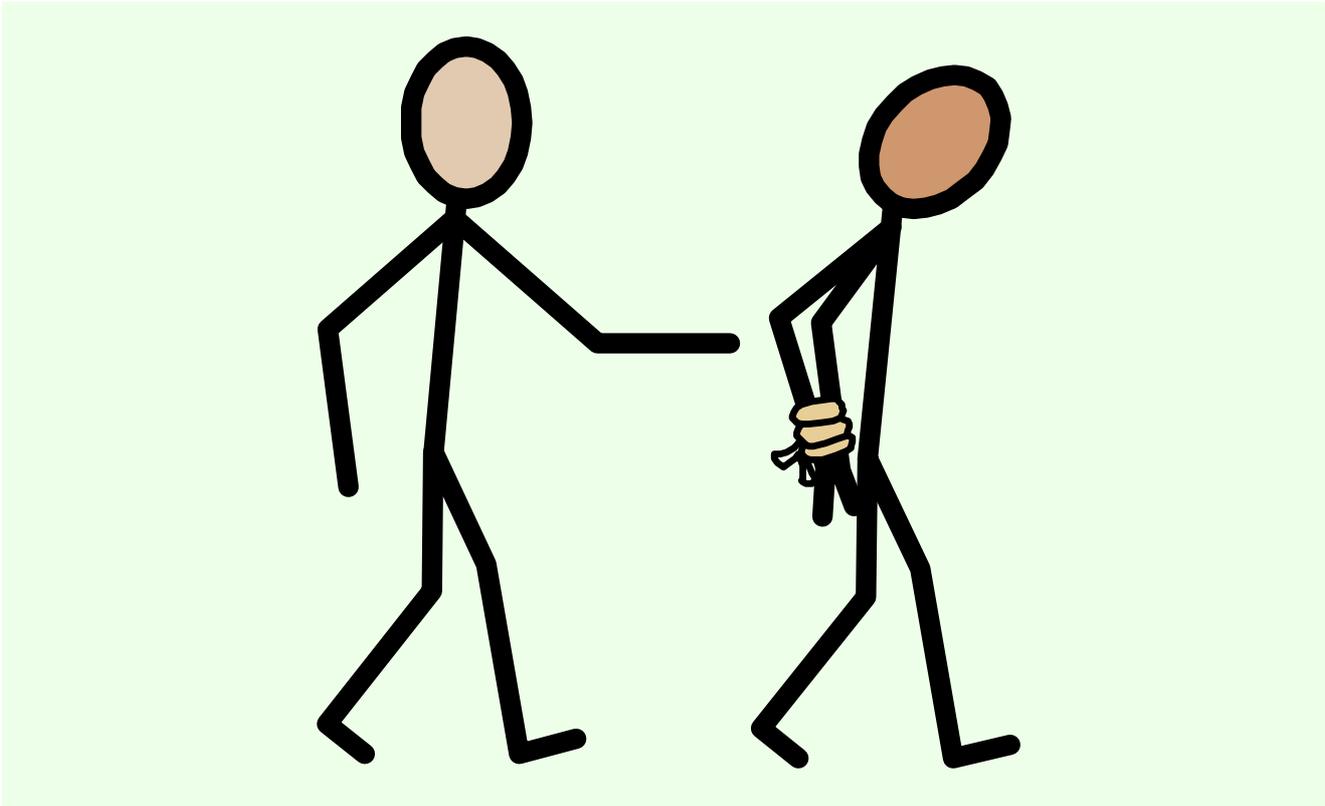


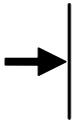
The slaves came from Central Africa and West Africa.

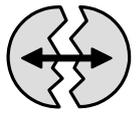
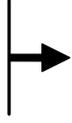
There had been slavery in Africa for centuries.

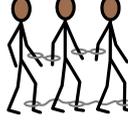
African people captured in wars were often enslaved.

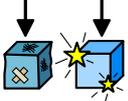
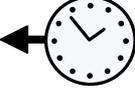
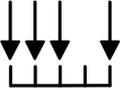
But now millions more Africans were enslaved.

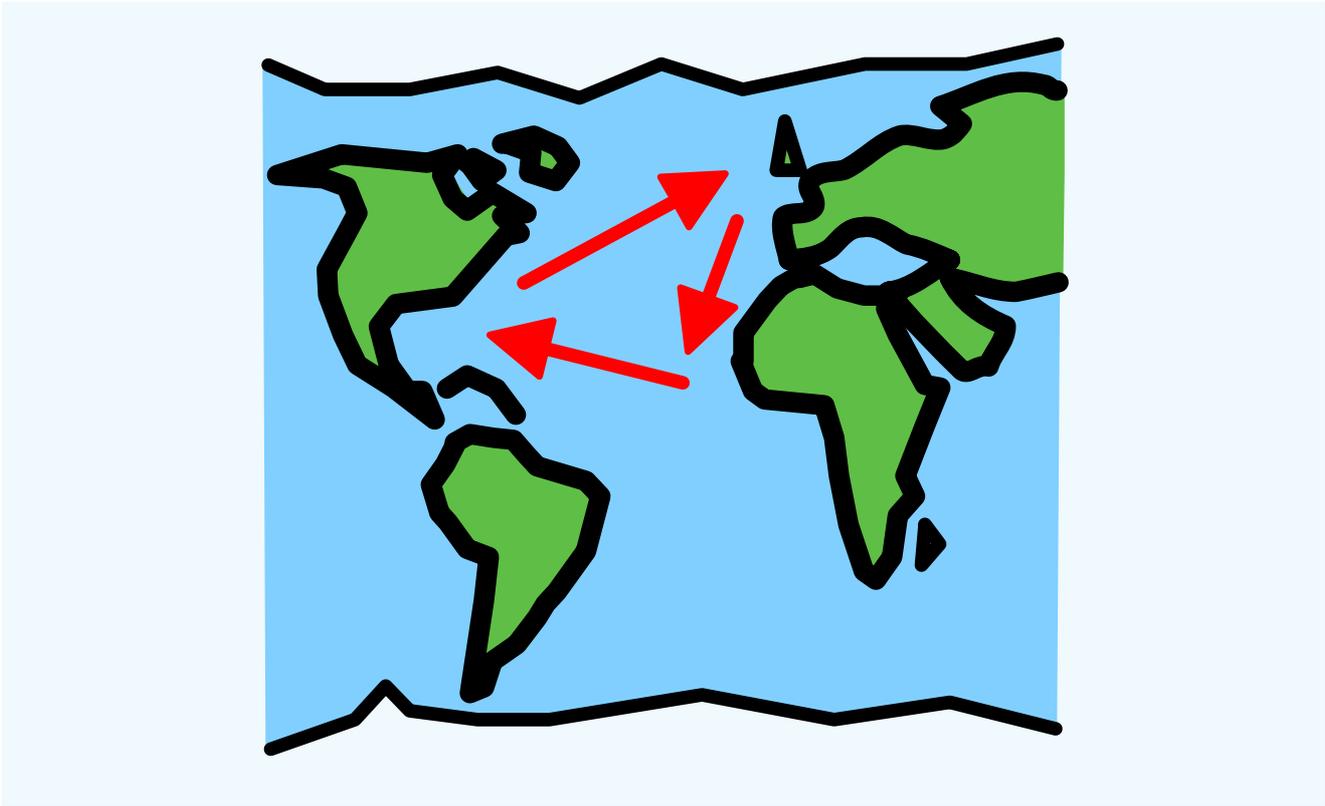


 Captured  African people  were taken  to  the coast.

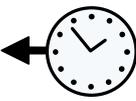
 They  were separated  from  friends  and family.

 They  were crowded  inside  filthy  slave  ships.

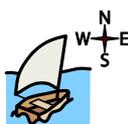
 Conditions  were  so bad  that  many  slaves  died.







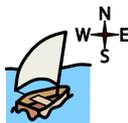

 The slave trade was part of a triangle.







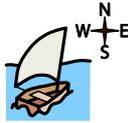

 Ships sailed from Europe to Africa with trade goods.







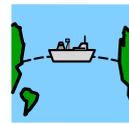
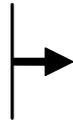
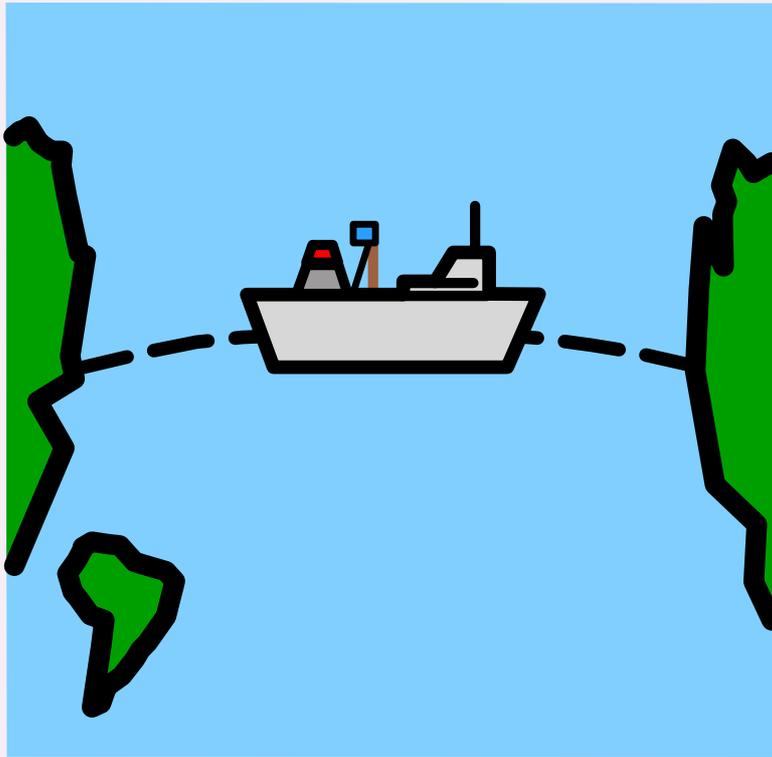

 Ships sailed from Africa to the Americas with slaves.



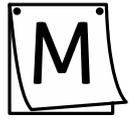
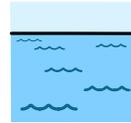




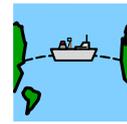
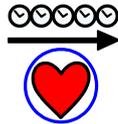
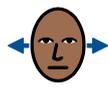
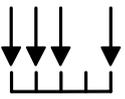

 Ships sailed from America to Europe with cash crops.



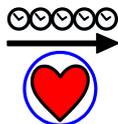
The voyage from Africa is called the Middle Passage.



Dirty crowded slave ships were at sea for months.



Many enslaved people didn't survive the voyage.



Enslaved people who survived were sold at auction.



Slaves

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to



plantations

in



South America.



Slaves

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Slaves

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Slaves

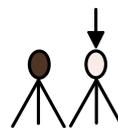
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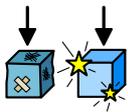
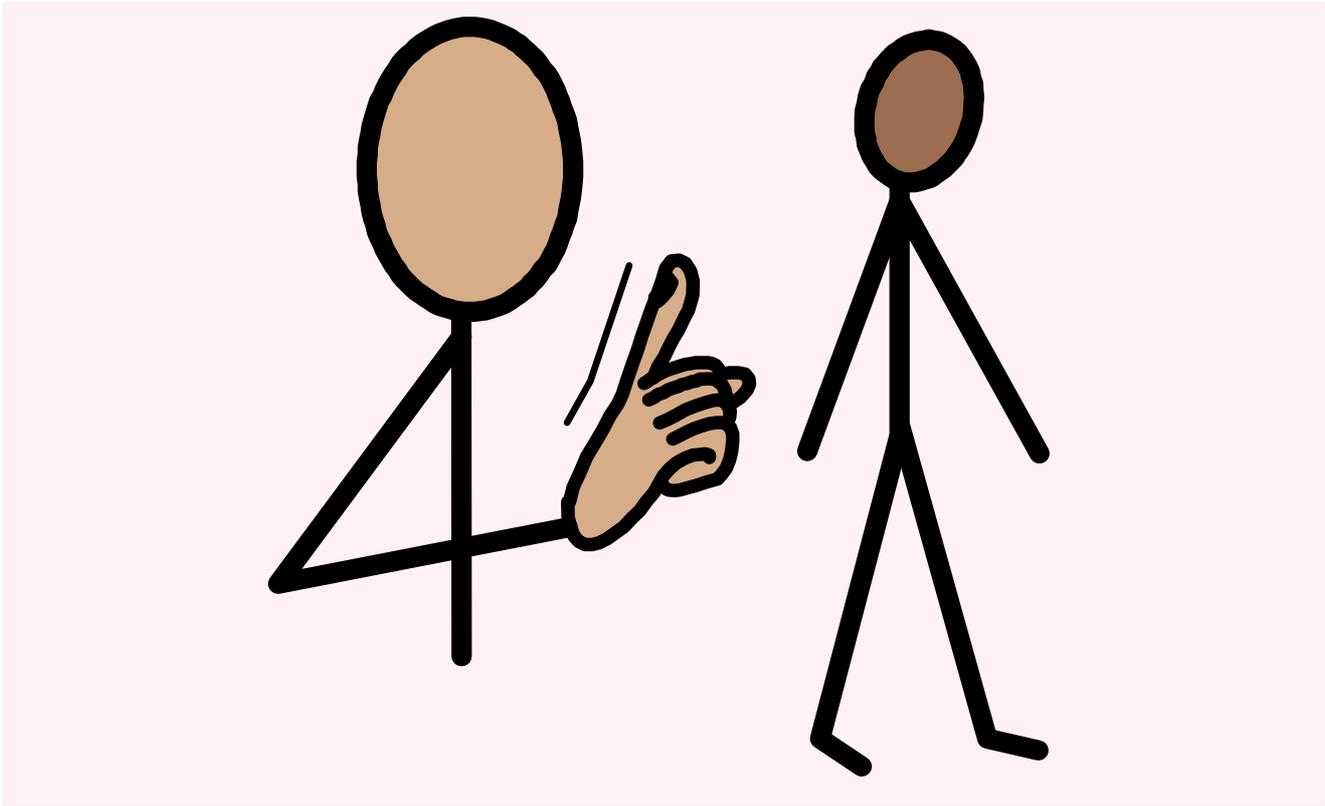
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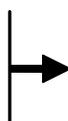
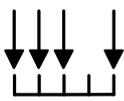
Conditions on the plantations were very bad.



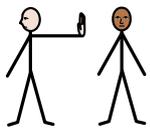
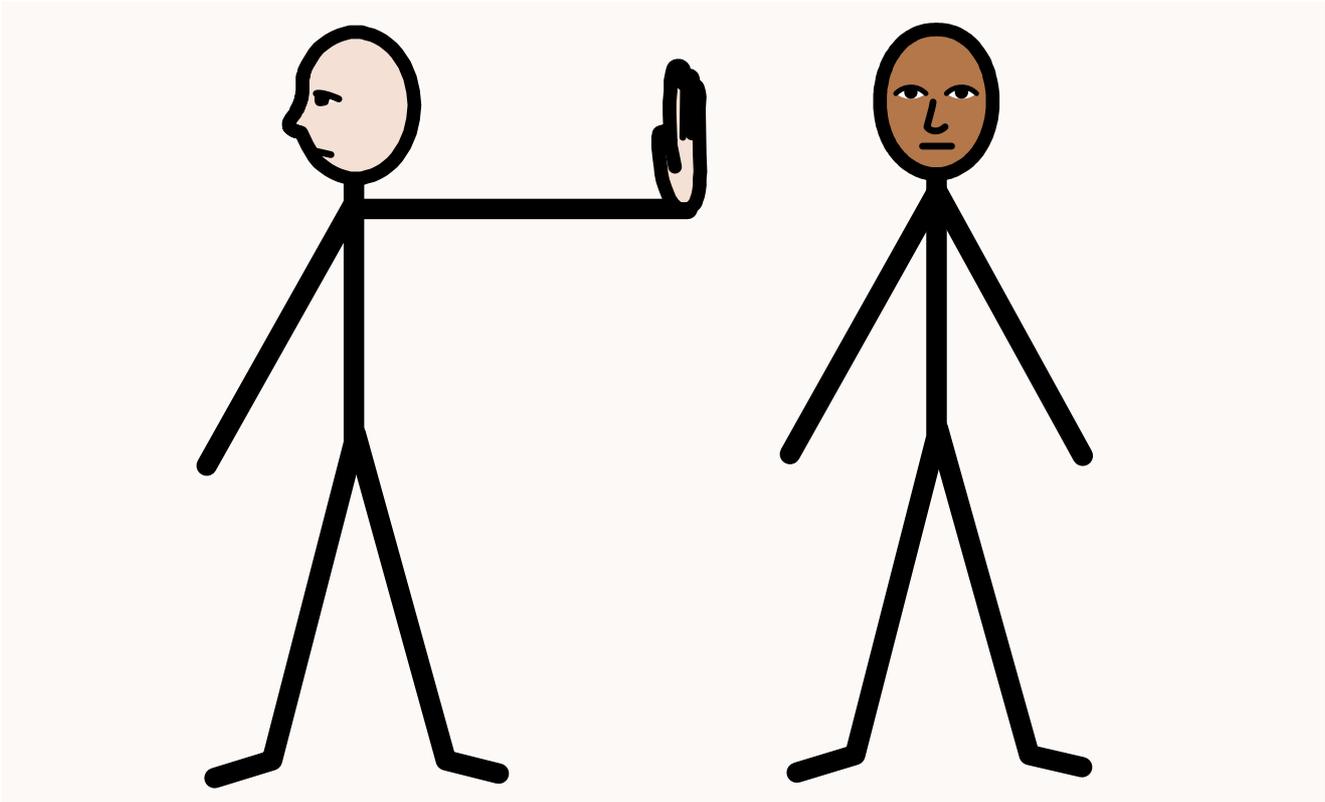
Slaves were forced to work and treated harshly.



Slaves were beaten and abused by white owners.



Many slaves died from wounds and diseases.



Racist



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Europeans



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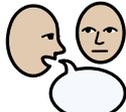
inferior



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Africans

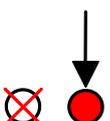
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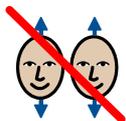
slaves.



Other



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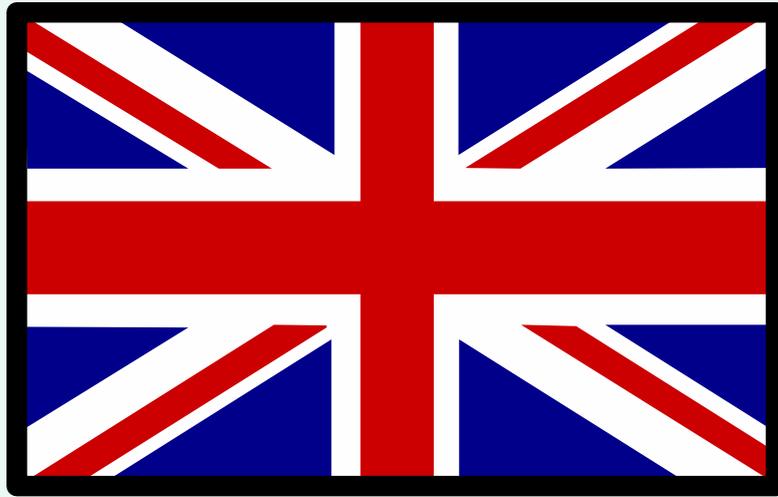


worked

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abolition.



For nearly 300 years Britain traded in slaves.

It is thought over 12 million Africans were enslaved.

British companies bought and sold enslaved people.

Britain made huge profits from slavery.



The abolitionist movement grew stronger in Britain.

1807

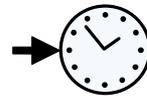
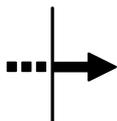


In 1807 Britain abolished the slave trade.



1833

Slavery was abolished in the British Empire in 1833.



Slavery continued in other places until much later.



Europe

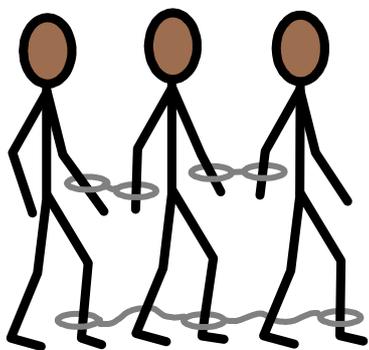


Africa

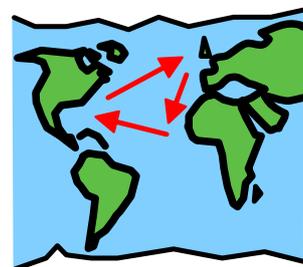
America



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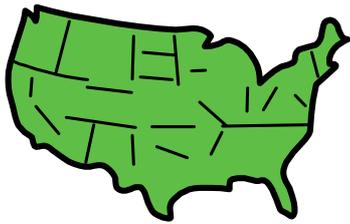
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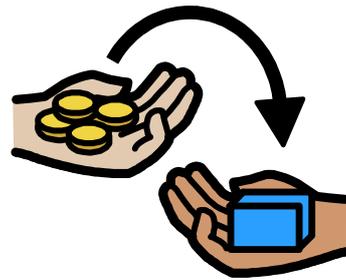
South America



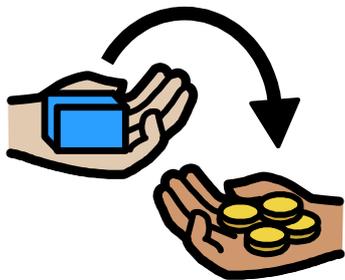
Caribbean



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