

Questions

1. Which phrase is most similar in meaning to **enslaved**? Tick **one**.

- To make someone a slave
- To ship people across an ocean
- To exchange people with goods
- To grow crops on a plantation

2. Which goods were exchanged for African people? Tick **two**.

- ships
- cloth
- sugar
- guns

3. Fill in the missing words.

Throughout the **middle** passage across the **ocean**, people endured **terrible** conditions.

4. Look at the section entitled **The Triangular Trade**. Find and copy a word which shows that people had little room to move on board the ships.

overcrowded

5. **They were now known as slaves and were forced to work mercilessly on the plantations, growing crops with little chance of payment or freedom.**

What does the word **mercilessly** mean in this sentence?

It means they were forced to work without mercy under hard conditions such as long hours each day.

6. Look at the section entitled **What Happened to the African Villagers on the Middle Passage?** How did the conditions during the middle passage affect the health of African villagers on board?

Pupils' own responses, such as: The conditions affected the villagers badly. The conditions were very dangerous to health because air quality was poor and many grew ill or died. They were chained together with little room to move.

7. People were separated from their friends and family and told to forget their earlier life.

What do you think the slave owners wanted to achieve by treating the newly enslaved Africans in this way?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think they wanted to achieve control over the slaves and to make sure they worked hard on the plantations.

8. Why do you think it was important for people such as Olaudah Equiano to talk to the citizens of Britain and Europe about slavery and abolition?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think it was important because otherwise they would not have known about the cruel conditions of slavery and what was happening on the middle passage. Also, they should know how their sugar, coffee and tobacco is grown.

9. Life improved for some people during the 1800s. Do you agree or disagree? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Agree / Disagree (circle **one**)

Pupils' own responses either agreeing or disagreeing with the statement, such as: Life was a little better for some people in some ways. Slaves were freed across the British Empire from 1833. However, slavery continued in the USA after abolition. It also led to a war.