

KEYPOINT REVISION: THE ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE 1707-1807

KEY POINTS FOR LEARNING

THE ORIGINS OF THE ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE

KP1

QUESTION	ANSWER NOTES
Why did the discovery of America lead to a demand for slaves?	
Why did Europeans want to use Africans as slaves?	
In what ways was slavery in Africa different from the type of slavery introduced by Europeans?	
Why did African rulers and traders supply slaves to Europeans?	
Describe the growth of the slave trade in the 18th century.	

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THE TRIANGULAR TRADE

KP2

QUESTION	ANSWER NOTES
<p>Describe the voyages made by ships on the triangular trade route.</p>	
<p>What cargoes were carried by merchant ships at each stage of the triangular trade route?</p>	
<p>How long would a ship take to complete a trading voyage?</p>	
<p>What were the main British ports used by ships?</p>	
<p>Why were the profits made from the triangular trade so high?</p>	

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THE MIDDLE PASSAGE

KP3

QUESTION	ANSWER NOTES
What was the ‘middle passage’ of the triangular trade route?	
Explain the difference between a ‘tight pack’ and a ‘loose pack’.	
Describe the conditions in which African slaves were kept during the middle passage.	
Why did many Africans die during the middle passage?	
Why was the middle passage dangerous for the crew of a slave ship?	

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PLANTATION LIFE

KP4

QUESTION	ANSWER NOTES
How were slaves prepared for sale when the ship reached the West Indies?	
Describe how slaves were sold to planters in the West Indies.	
What types of work were slaves forced to do?	
Describe the diet and living conditions of African slaves in the West Indies.	
In what ways were slaves punished?	

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RESISTANCE AND REVOLT

KP5

QUESTION	ANSWER NOTES
Why was it difficult for captive slaves to resist even while they were still in Africa?	
How did Africans try to resist during the middle passage?	
Describe the ways in which plantation slaves tried to resist?	
What problems faced slaves who attempted to run away from their owners?	
Why were there few slave rebellions in the West Indies?	

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EFFECTS OF THE SLAVE TRADE: AFRICA

KP6

QUESTION	ANSWER NOTES
Why were African rulers willing to provide slaves for British traders?	
How did African rulers obtain slaves to sell to British traders?	
Describe the experiences of Africans from when they were captured until they were taken on board a slave ship.	
What effect did the slave trade have on African societies?	
How did the slave trade affect economic development in Africa?	

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EFFECTS OF THE SLAVE TRADE: BRITAIN

KP7

QUESTION	ANSWER NOTES
Explain why British merchants became involved in the slave trade?	
What benefits did the slave trade bring to Britain?	
Why did the British government encourage the growth of the slave trade?	
Why was the slave trade important to Liverpool?	
How did the slave trade assist industrial development Britain?	

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THE ABOLITIONIST CAMPAIGN

KP8

QUESTION	ANSWER NOTES
Why was there growing opposition to the slave trade at the end of the 18th century?	
What methods were used by the abolitionists to persuade people to support their cause?	
Write short notes on each of the following: GRANVILLE SHARP	
THOMAS CLARKSON	
WILLIAM WILBERFORCE	
OLOUDAH EQUIANO	
JOHN NEWTON	

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SUPPORT FOR THE SLAVE TRADE

KP9

QUESTION	ANSWER NOTES
What groups of people were opposed to the abolition of the slave trade?	
Why was Liverpool at the center of the anti abolitionist campaign?	
What arguments were used by the supporters of slavery?	
Describe the methods used by the anti-abolitionists?	
How did the French Revolution help the anti-abolitionist campaign?	

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THE END OF THE SLAVE TRADE

KP10

QUESTION	ANSWER NOTES
Why was the slave trade less important to Britain by the end of the 18th century?	
Why did the French Revolutionary Wars delay the abolition of the slave trade?	
List the reasons it took so long to end the slave trade?	
What were the main terms of the 1807 Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade?	
Write a short summary of the reasons for the abolition of the slave trade?	