

Ellie's Social Studies / History Explorer: The Transatlantic Trade

Learning objective: To understand the historical context and human impact of the Transatlantic slave trade, reflecting on the lives of those affected.

Use this fact-file to record what you have learned about the Transatlantic slave trade. Ellie the elephant has provided some key themes to help you organise your research. Think carefully about the historical significance of these events and the importance of human rights.

Word bank: Transatlantic · Abolition · Enslaved · Human Rights · Freedom · Trade · Injustice · Resistance

1. The Journey: Describe the conditions faced by people during the Middle Passage and why this part of the journey was so difficult. (3 marks)

2. Life on Plantations: Explain the daily tasks of enslaved people and how they kept their culture and traditions alive. (3 marks)

3. The Fight for Freedom: Identify one way that enslaved people resisted their situation or campaigned for their rights. (2 marks)

4. Abolitionists: Name a person or group who worked to end the slave trade and explain what they did to create change. (2 marks)

5. Reflection: Why is it important for us to learn about this period of history today? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a historical figure who campaigned for the abolition of the slave trade. Write a short paragraph explaining why their work was significant in changing the law.