

Understanding the History of the Transatlantic Slave Trade

Learning objective: To understand the history of the transatlantic slave trade, the experiences of enslaved people, and the significance of the abolition movement.

Read the front of each flashcard to identify the key term or question. Flip the card mentally or write down the answer provided after the pipe symbol to check your knowledge.

What does the term 'Transatlantic Slave Trade' refer to?

It refers to the forced transportation of millions of African people across the Atlantic Ocean to be sold and forced to work in the Americas and the Caribbean.

Who was Ellie the elephant referring to when she spoke about 'enslaved people'?

People who were captured, taken from their homes, and forced to work for no pay, with no freedom or rights to make their own choices.

What was a 'plantation' in the context of the 18th century?

A large farm, often growing crops like sugar, cotton, or tobacco, where enslaved people were forced to perform back-breaking labour.

What does 'Abolition' mean?

The act of officially ending or stopping a system or practice, such as the slave trade.

Name one way enslaved people showed resistance.

Enslaved people showed resistance by running away, learning to read in secret, keeping their cultural traditions alive, or staging protests.

Who was William Wilberforce?

A British politician who campaigned for many years in Parliament to stop the slave trade and eventually helped pass laws to abolish it.

What was the 'Slave Trade Act' of 1807?

A law passed in the UK Parliament that made it illegal to trade in enslaved people within the British Empire.

Why is it important to learn about this history today?

To remember the lives of those who suffered, to honour their struggle for freedom, and to ensure we understand the importance of equality and human rights for everyone.

Who was Olaudah Equiano?

A man who had been enslaved as a child, gained his freedom, and wrote a famous book about his life to show the world how cruel slavery was.

What does the term 'Human Rights' mean in this context?

The basic rights and freedoms that all people should have, such as the right to be free and to be treated with dignity, regardless of who they are.