

Understanding the Past: The Abolition of Slavery

Stand Tall for Freedom: Learning from History to Build a Kinder Future!

- The transatlantic slave trade involved the forced movement of millions of people across the ocean to work in harsh conditions, which many people believed was deeply unfair and cruel.
- Brave campaigners, such as Olaudah Equiano, used their own life stories to teach the public about the horrors of slavery and why it had to end.
- William Wilberforce was a Member of Parliament who spent nearly twenty years giving speeches and leading campaigns to convince others that slavery should be banned.
- In 1833, the Slavery Abolition Act was passed, meaning that enslavement was finally made illegal throughout most of the British Empire.
- History teaches us that when people stand together to speak up for what is right, they can change the world for the better.

Did you know? Did you know? In 1807, the British Parliament passed the Slave Trade Act, which made it illegal to trade enslaved people across the Atlantic Ocean. This was a huge step forward, but it took many more years of campaigning before slavery was fully abolished across the British Empire in 1833.

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