

Understanding the Transatlantic Slave Trade

Learning objective: To explain the causes, experiences, and eventual abolition of the Transatlantic slave trade in a historical context.

Use this scaffold to structure your historical report. Think about the perspectives of those involved and the impact this period had on the world. Use the word bank to help your sentences flow.

The Transatlantic slave trade was a period of profound injustice that fundamentally shaped global history during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in addition · however · nevertheless · systemic · injustice · abolition · perspective · consequence

1. The Triangular Trade: Describe how the trade worked by explaining the journey between Europe, Africa, and the Americas. Start your paragraph with: The trade route functioned like a triangle because... (3 marks)

2. Life in Enslavement: Describe the daily experiences and loss of freedom faced by enslaved people. Start your paragraph with: The lives of those captured were defined by... (3 marks)

3. Resistance and Abolition: Discuss how enslaved people and campaigners worked to end the slave trade. Start your paragraph with: Resistance took many forms, including... (3 marks)

4. Historical Impact: Reflect on why it is important to remember this period today. Start your paragraph with: It is crucial to study this history because... (2 marks)

5. Key Terminology: Choose three words from the word bank and write a sentence for each that explains their meaning in the context of this history. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a significant figure involved in the Abolition movement, such as Olaudah Equiano or William Wilberforce. Write a short diary entry from their perspective explaining why they fought for change.