

# Understanding the Transatlantic Trade: A Sorting and Sequencing Challenge

*Learning objective: To understand the historical context and the human impact of the transatlantic slave trade, including the abolitionist movement.*

Ellie the Elephant has been researching the history of the transatlantic trade and the brave individuals who fought for its end. Below is a list of events and concepts. Your task is to sort them into three categories: 'The Triangular Trade System', 'Life and Resistance', and 'The Fight for Abolition'. Once sorted, number them in the order they occurred chronologically.

*Word bank: Middle Passage · Abolitionist Movement · Raw materials sent to Britain · Manufactured goods sent to Africa · Olaudah Equiano · William Wilberforce · Slavery Abolition Act 1833 · Plantation labour · Resistance and rebellion*

**1. Sort the items from the word bank into the three categories (Triangular Trade, Life/Resistance, Abolition). Why was the Abolitionist Movement successful in the early 19th century? (3 marks)**

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**2. Place the following events in chronological order: The Abolitionist Movement begins, The Slavery Abolition Act is passed, The height of the triangular trade. (3 marks)**

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**3. Why do you think the personal narrative of Olaudah Equiano was such a powerful tool for the abolitionists in Britain? (2 marks)**

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**4. Explain how raw materials like sugar, cotton, and tobacco were linked to the economy in Britain during this period. (2 marks)**

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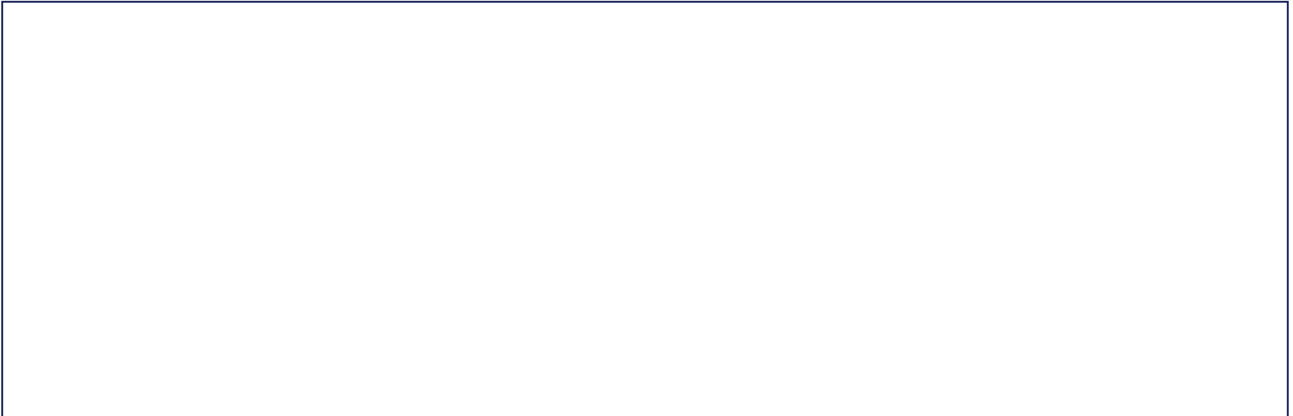
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**5. How did enslaved people demonstrate resistance against their treatment, even when they were stripped of their basic human rights? (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a commemorative plaque or monument that Ellie the Elephant might design to honour the individuals who campaigned for the Slavery Abolition Act. Include symbols of hope and freedom.



*Extension challenge: Research a specific figure from the abolitionist movement other than William Wilberforce. Write a short diary entry from their perspective describing the day the 1833 Act was finally passed.*