

Stolen Lives, Sweet Profits

Britain's transatlantic slave trade: effects and abolition

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Today we will...

WE ARE LEARNING TO

- Explain Britain's triangular trade route
- Describe effects on Africa and Britain
- Explain why the trade was abolished

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

I can outline the three sides of the triangle

I can give two effects of the trade

I can give two reasons for abolition in 1807



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The Triangular Trade

British goods like guns, cloth and iron sail to West Africa

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Enslaved Africans forced across Atlantic on Middle Passage

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Plantation sugar, tobacco and cotton shipped to Britain

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Merchants make big profits and fund more voyages

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The Middle Passage

- Enslaved people were chained tightly below deck for weeks. About 1.8 million Africans died on the voyages.





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What could this be?

This sweet crop made British merchants rich. Who grew it, and how?



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How did the trade start?



▶ 0:00 – 3:21

- Listen for British ports ships sailed from
- Spot what goods were swapped for people
- Notice who got rich from the voyage

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Who felt the effects?

Effects

- Families torn apart
- British ports grew rich
- Resistance and rebellions
- African communities weakened
- Factory jobs from plantations





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Why did the trade end?



▶ 0:00 – 3:31

- Listen for how campaigners fought the trade
- Spot why plantation owners defended slavery
- Notice what the 1807 Act actually banned

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Your task

In pairs, rank three reasons for abolition from most to least important: resistance, campaigners like Olaudah Equiano, and money worries.

1. Discuss what each reason did to pressure Parliament
2. Agree your 1-3 order and write one line for each
3. Practise explaining your top choice in 20 seconds

10 min

In pairs

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Abolition – But Not Freedom Yet

- 1807 Act banned slave trading by British subjects.
- Nearly 750,000 people stayed enslaved in Caribbean.
- 1833 Act freed them but paid owners £20 million.
- No money was paid to formerly enslaved people.



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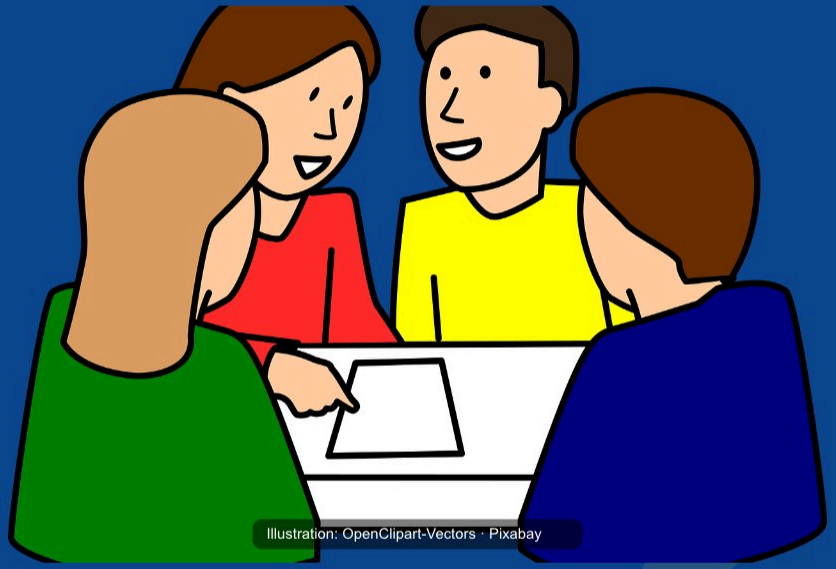
Think, pair, share

Owners got £20 million. The enslaved got nothing. Was abolition fair?





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Exit ticket

1. One thing I learnt today...

2. One effect that surprised me most...

3. One question I still have...

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