

Slavery—Exercises

1 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN YOUR OWN WORDS!

When did slavery begin ? _____

What kind of people were slaves in Egypt? _____

How were the ancient Egyptians able to identify slaves ? _____

How were state-owned slaves in Greece treated ? _____

What were some Roman slaves trained to be ? _____

In which way was slavery in the Middle Ages different ? _____

How did the African slave trade start ? _____

When did slave trade to the English colonies start ? _____

What was the “Triangular Trade” and how did it work ? _____

Name two famous American statesmen who also owned slaves ? _____

Why did the southern states of America depend on slaves ? _____

Where did most slaves work ? _____

What did the northern states think of slavery ? _____

What did the southern states do to protect slavery ? _____

Which famous American was president during the Civil War ? _____

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2 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN YOUR OWN WORDS!

What was the Underground Railroad ? _____

How did it get its name ? _____

Why was Canada the place where slaves wanted to get to ? _____

What happened to slaves who got caught ? _____

Who was Levi Coffin ? _____

What did Abraham Lincoln proclaim on January 1, 1863 ? _____

THE LIFE OF OLAUDAH EQUIANO

Where did Olaudah Equiano grow up ? _____

How was he captured ? _____

Describe how slaves lived during the voyage to America ! _____

What happened to Equiano when he got to the New World ? _____

Where did he spend a lot of time and for whom did he fight ? _____

What happened when Equiano returned to the Caribbean ? _____

How did he buy his freedom ? _____

How did his life continue when he was finally free ? _____

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3 MATCH THE WORDS WITH THE DEFINITIONS

A	beast		the money that you have borrowed from someone and that you have to give back
B	citizen		a person who lived in the Middle Ages and did not have his own land
C	debt		to get away from something or someone who is dangerous
D	gladiator		to catch someone and see that they cannot get away
E	lord		to find out about a place that nobody has ever been to before
F	serf		large area of land where crops like tea, sugar or cotton are grown
G	whip		a wild and dangerous animal
H	explore		someone who collects money from passengers on a train
I	master		political leader of a country who is said to be very wise
J	carpenter		a powerful man who lived during the Middle Ages and owned a lot of land
K	conductor		a person who lives in a country and has rights there
L	maid		book in which someone writes about their own life
M	plantation		to say something officially
N	statesman		if something happens very often
O	declare		a soldier who fought against other men and wild animals in ancient Rome
P	escape		a woman whose husband has died and who has not married again
Q	autobiography		a person who has control over someone else
R	common		young woman who helps do things in the house
S	seize		person who makes and repairs things made out of wood
T	widow		to hit someone with a long piece of leather or rope

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4 FILL IN THE CORRECT WORDS FROM THE BOX BELOW TO COMPLETE THE TEXT ON OLAUDAH EQUIANO !

Olaudah Equiano was born as the son of a _____ chief in western Africa. At the age of seven he was _____ by _____ traders and sold to an African _____ who _____ him well.

One morning he was put on board a slave ship that was heading to America. Life became very _____ there because hundreds of slaves were packed into the _____. The captain and his _____ had a hard time keeping their _____ cargo alive because many of them fell _____ and died .

When the ship reached the _____ island of Barbados the slaves were put up for _____, but Equiano was too young to be _____. He landed in Virginia, where his owner, Michael Henry Pascal , was a _____ in the British navy. Pascal made a _____ out of him and sent him to school in England . Later on he even _____ for the British in the Seven Years' War.

As time passed and Olaudah had become _____ with his new life he was sold again –this time to Robert King, a _____ merchant from Philadelphia. King put him on a slave ship - a life Olaudah didn't want to _____ any more. He started _____ objects and after some time _____ so much money that he could _____ himself free.

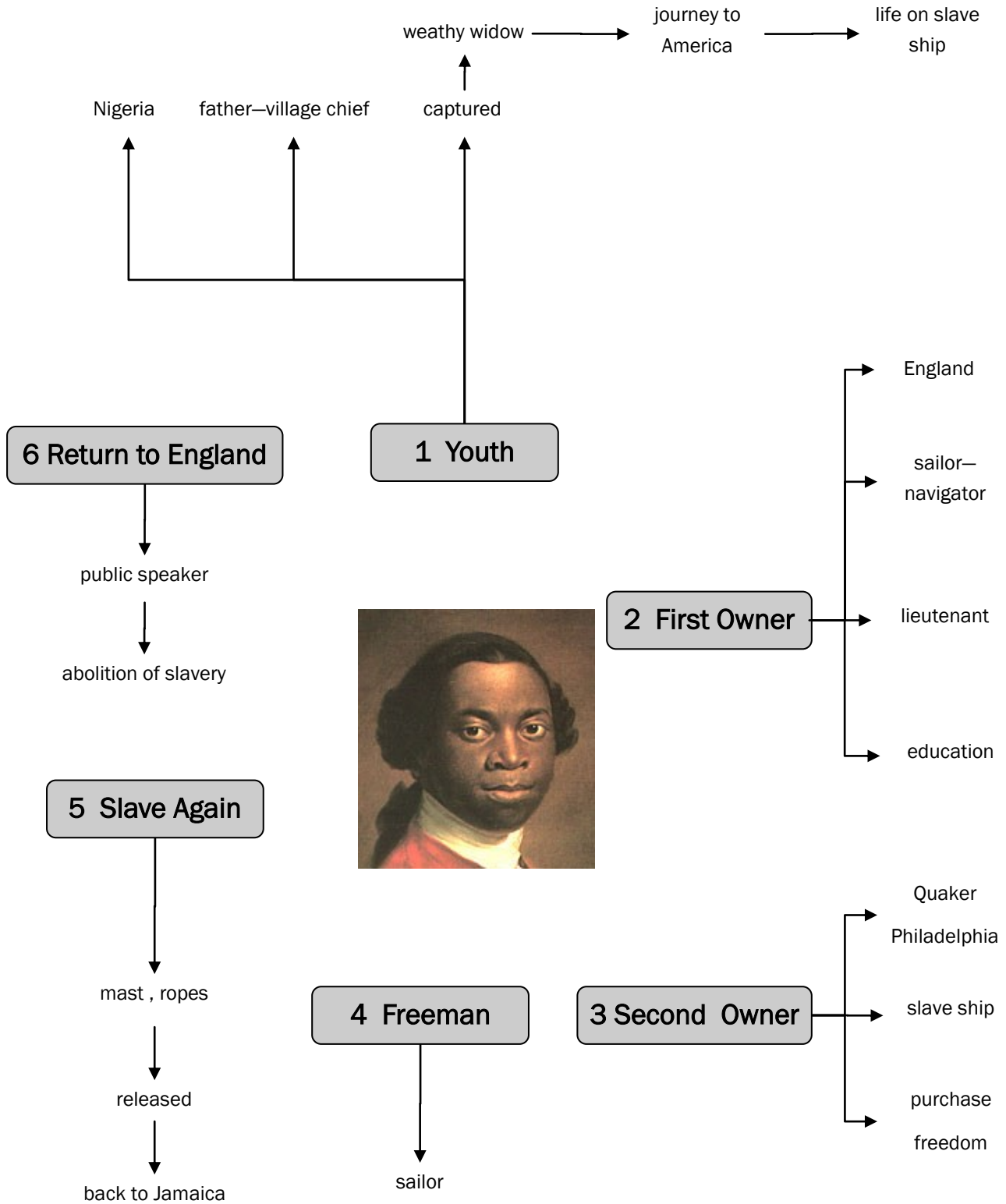
As a _____ Equiano continued working as a sailor. One day the captain of the ship he was working on _____ to make him a slave again. He was tied to the _____ and only let go when the ship's _____ begged the captain to _____ him and put him on _____.

After this adventure Equiano returned to England where he gave _____ speeches and wrote an _____ which became a big _____. The former slave became England's leading speaker in the fight to end _____ .

autobiography	crew	pleased	slavery
bought	decided	public	success
buy	freeman	Quaker	trading
captured	fought	release	treated
cargo deck	ill	sailor	unpleasant
Caribbean	lead	sale	valuable
carpenter	lieutenant	shore	village
collected	mast	slave	widow

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6. WRITE A PARAGRAPH ON EACH OF THE STATIONS OF OLAUDAH EQUIANO'S LIFE. USE THE WORDS IN THE DIAGRAMME BELOW TO WRITE YOUR SUMMARY.



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7 REARRANGE THE LINES INTO THEIR CORRECT ORDER!

_____ men worked as field hands and women worked as cooks and

_____ 1861 the Civil War started and lasted for four years. In 1863

_____ Texas. As time went on the conflict became bigger and

_____ because farmers needed slaves for their plantations. Most

_____ maids. Those who were skilled were able to get work as

_____ more and more southern states seceded from the union. In

_____ When the 19th century began most of the northern states

_____ carpenters or masons. By 1848 slavery spread as far as

_____ President Abraham Lincoln declared all slaves free.

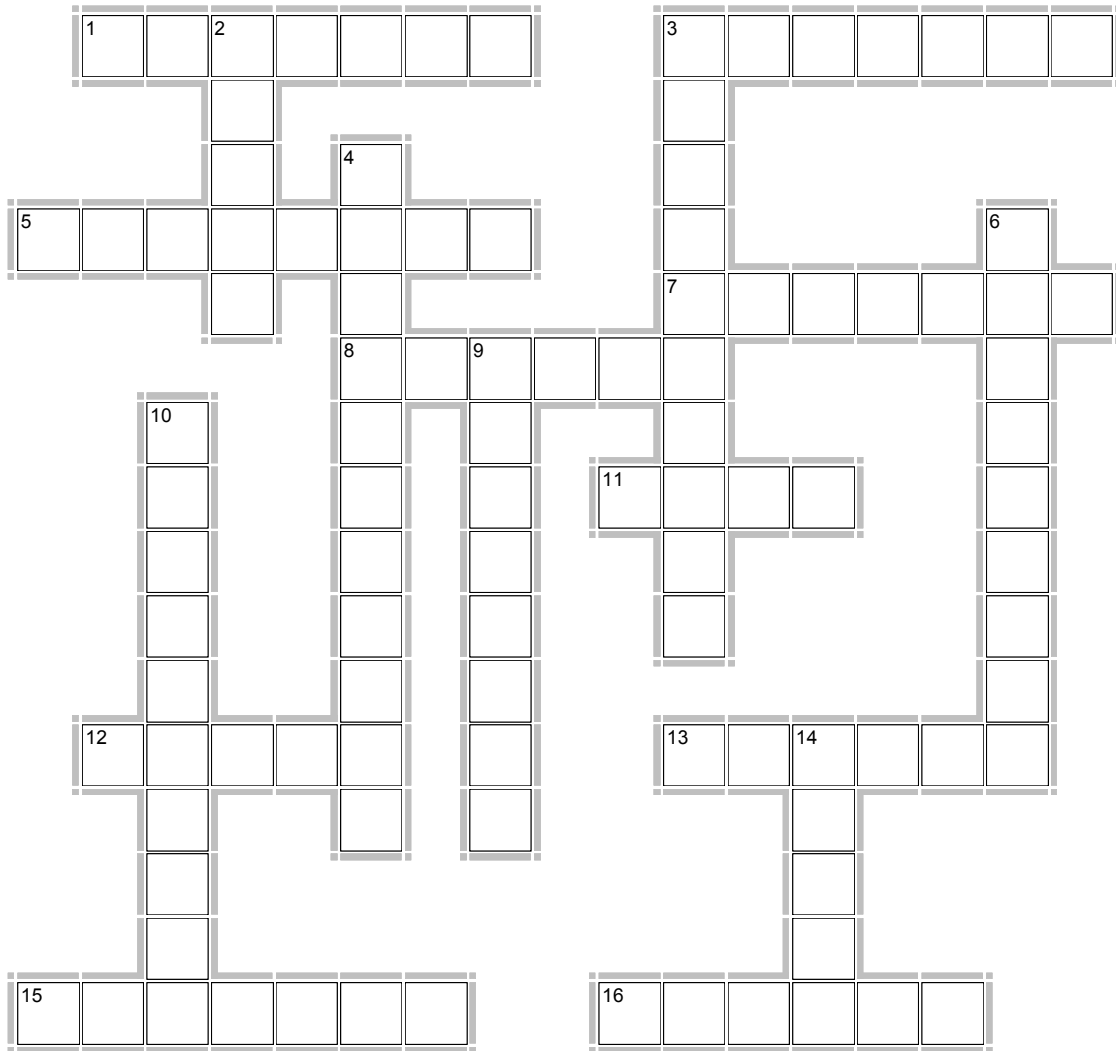
_____ were against slavery and abolished it. In the south slavery went on

8 TRUE OR FALSE?

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Portuguese navigators brought slaves from Africa to Europe.		
Slave trade to the English colonies started in the 18th century.		
Children who were born to slaves automatically became slaves themselves.		
The “Triangular Trade” took place between Europe, Africa and America.		
The Underground Railroad was a train system that transported slaves under the ground.		
When slaves got to Canada they could not be sent back.		
The Civil War started because the northern states wanted slaves from the south.		
Harriet Tubman was a slave herself and helped other slaves escape.		
All slavery was ended after the Second World War		
The Soviet Union sent all of their slaves to concentration camps in Germany.		
Today there are still many people all over the world who are forced to work.		

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9 CROSSWORD—SLAVERY



Across

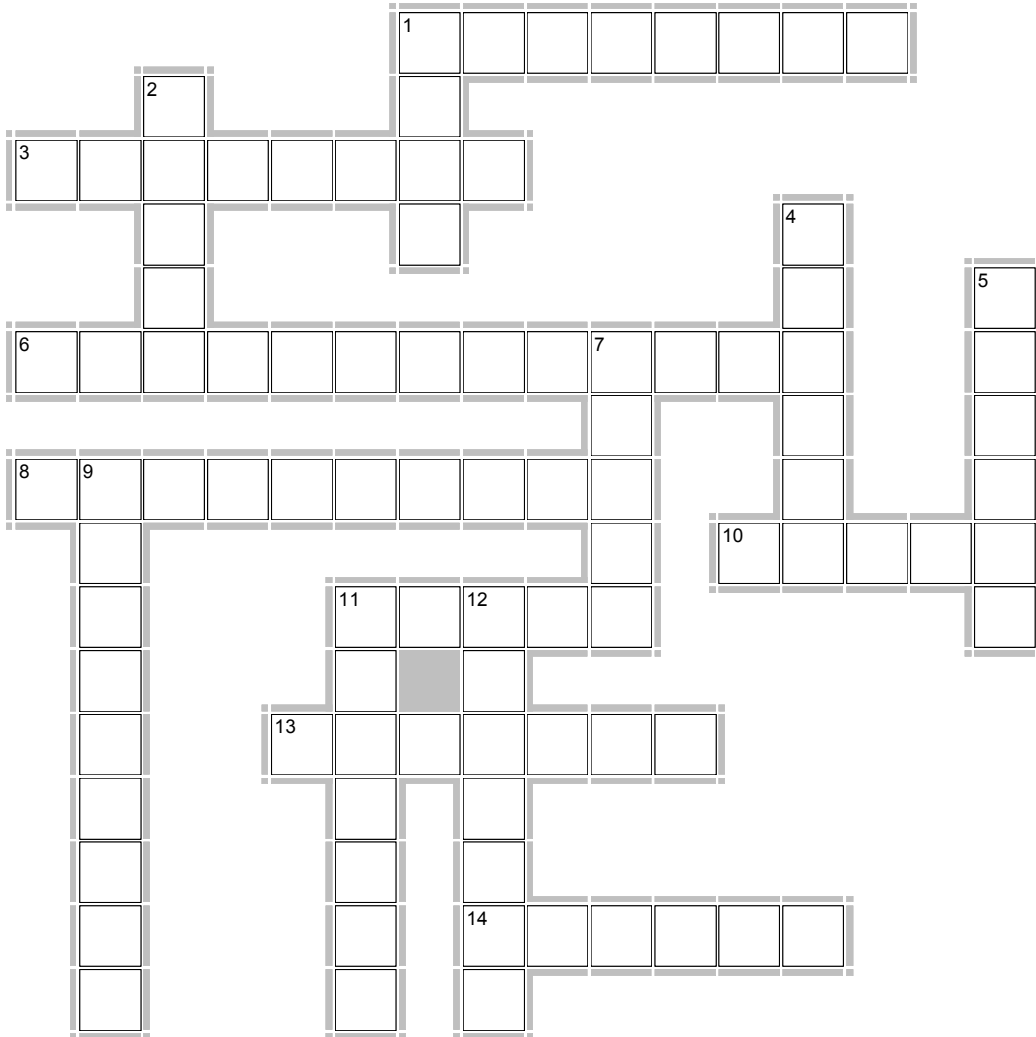
1. plant that produces leaves you use to make cigarettes
3. if you are talented and can do something well
5. someone who is kept in a place against his own free will
7. famous American president who abolished slavery
8. to get away from someone or something that is dangerous
11. a person who lived during the late Middle Ages and did not have his own land
12. a person who cuts stone into pieces
13. a person who has control over someone else
15. to take control of a country by fighting
16. to break away from

Down

2. wild and dangerous animal
3. a new town in a place where not many people have lived before
4. below the surface of the earth
6. soldier who fought against men and wild animals in ancient Rome
9. war in which groups from the same country fight against each other
10. large area of land where crops like sugar, tea or cotton are grown
14. to cut off hair very close to the skin

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10 CROSSWORD—OLAUDAH EQUIANO



Across

1. person who bought and sold things during the Middle Ages
3. another word for “buy”
6. a book in which someone writes about their own life
8. part of a ship that is reserved for goods (2 words—leave a space between them)
10. to capture someone and see that they cannot get away
11. to make someone do something
13. very rich
14. someone who works on a ship

Down

1. tall pole on a ship on which you hang flags or sails
2. part of your body where your hands meet your arms
4. long trip on a ship
5. member of a religious group that was founded in America
7. the moveable part of your body between your foot and leg
9. the official end of something
11. someone who is not a slave any more
12. to let go