

## Reflect

Answer the Qs in the margin.

**Slavery & Servitude:** What impact did those who were coerced to immigrate into the colonies have on the American identity?

# Servitude and Slavery



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How did indentured servitude work?

### The Planters' First Labor Source: White Indentured Servitude

For the first three quarters of the seventeenth century, Virginia tobacco planters relied on white indentured servants from ..... to fill the bulk of their labor needs.

- Master paid for cost of trans-Atlantic transportation for servant
- Servant agreed to provide labor for fixed period of indenture (typically ..... years).

This system of labor was subsidized by the British crown, which awarded the planters a "headright" or land allotment of ..... acres for each servant imported.

### Legal Status of Indentured Servants v. Slaves

- Like slaves, indentured servants were considered the ..... property of the masters who had purchased their indentures and could be bought, sold, and inherited.
- Unlike slaves, indentured servants enjoyed basic rights shared by all of the king's subjects. Their children were considered free. Also, at the end of their terms, servants received "freedom dues," which included land, farming implements, etc. Many went on to become small .....
- One half to 2/3 of all immigrants to Colonial America arrived as indentured servants.
- Criminals convicted of a capital crime in England could be transported in lieu of a ..... sentence.
- Servitude also could result from indebtedness, where a person, their spouse or parents owed money, and the person was sold into servitude to recover the .....

### Decline of Indentured Servants

Beginning in the 1680s, planters began turning away from indentured servitude to ..... labor, particularly in the Chesapeake colonies.

1. A steep decline in white ..... from England
2. A sharp increase in the availability of ..... laborers
3. Rising ..... expectancy/declining mortality rates made slaves a better investment
4. Competition from other colonies for European labor

### Origins of the Atlantic Slave Trade

European landowners needed a large supply of workers on American plantations

- Spanish attempts to use Native Americans as laborers were not successful
  - Large death rate due to ..... and overwork
- English use of Indentured Servants was expensive
  - People who worked for a set period in exchange for ..... to the Americas
- Europeans began buying large numbers of ..... to fill labor shortages in the Americas
- Most slaves came from the coast of ..... Africa
  - Were supplied by African ..... in exchange for guns or trade goods
  - Kidnapped by Europeans on slave .....
- Only 600,000 reached the British colonies of north America

Why did the availability of indentured servants decline?

How had use of native Americans and indentured servants lead planters to turn to slave labor?

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Why was mercantilism put into practice?

Explain the reasons for the origins of the slave trade.

Why were Africans particularly suitable as slaves?

### Mercantilism and Capitalism

- In the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, the two new institutions of capitalism & mercantilism established the framework within which government-protected private enterprise participated in the Atlantic economy
- The mechanisms of early capitalism (Dutch) included banks, joint-stock companies, stock exchanges, and insurance.
- Mercantilism was TOTAL control of Trade & **not** allowing Manufacturing in Colonies, resulting in colonies being ..... upon the mother country.

### The Atlantic Circuit (Columbian Exchange)

- The Atlantic Circuit was a **clockwise** network of trade ..... going from Europe to Africa, from Africa to the plantation colonies of the Americas (the **Middle Passage**), and then from the colonies to Europe.

### Origins of the Slave Trade

- High demand for labor!
  - Plantations- estates where cash ..... such as sugar or tobacco were grown
- Shortage of Labor
  - Planter had first used Native Americans as workers, but European .....had killed millions of them.
- Indentured servants were too .....

### Triangular Trade

- Trade routes that ..... the Americas, Europe, Africa, and the West Indies
- Sea routes formed a .....

### The Middle Passage

- The voyage from Africa to the Americas on slave .....
- Hundreds of captive Africans were crammed into tight quarters below deck in terrible conditions
- ..... died from disease, brutal mistreatment, and suicide on the trip

### The Desire for Africans

There were several advantages in using Africans:

- They had been exposed (and were immune) to European .....
- They had experience in .....
- Africans had no friends or family in America to help them escape.
- Enslaved Africans provided a permanent source of labor - even their ..... were enslaved.

### Conclusion

Nine to eleven million Africans brought to the Americas during ..... centuries of trade

- Millions more died
- Most arrived between 1701 and 1810

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SUMMARY- Summarize your notes using the following terms: Indentured servant, Atlantic Slave Trade, Mercantilism. Triangular Trade, Middle Passage.

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