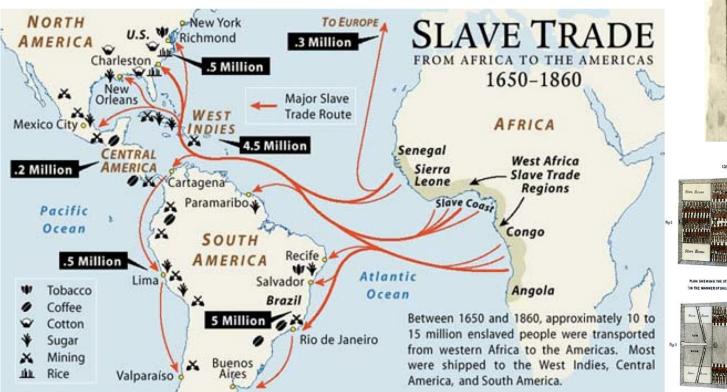
## SSWH10: ANALYZE THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF EXPLORATION AND EXPANSION INTO THE AMERICAS, AFRICA, AND ASIA

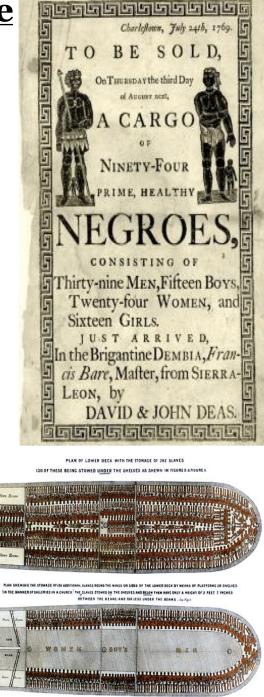


ELEMENT D: Examine the effects of the Transatlantic Slave Trade on Africa and on the colonies in the Americas.

## **Transatlantic Slave Trade**

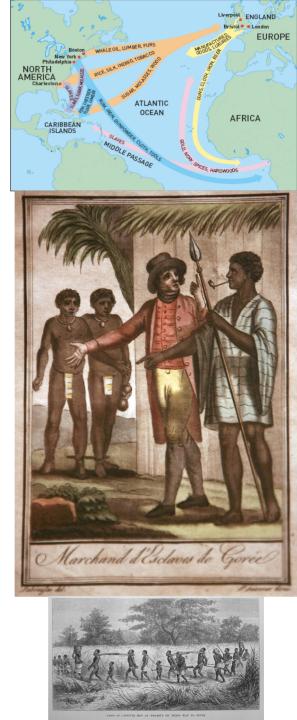
- Slave trade was central to the Triangular Trade and led to the prosperity of port cities in the Americas, Europe, and Africa.
- Estimates of slaves captured and transported across the Atlantic to New World colonies run as high as 11 million, with an additional 2 million estimated lost as sea.





## **Effects on Africa**

- Europeans needing slaves for plantation labor in the New World traded muskets, tools, and textiles with African elites for African slaves.
- □ African rulers and merchant elites remained in control of the African continent and supplied Europeans with slaves captured inland and brought to the coast.
  - The slave trade caused the decline of some African societies, as their populations were devastated, especially of young men and women.
    - Other African societies rose in power as a result of involvement in the slave trade.
      - For example, the Asante and Dahomey were able to prosper as slave traders and held a strong bargaining position with the Europeans.
      - Some African leaders, such as King Affonso of Kongo and the almamy of Futa Toro in northern Senegal resisted the slave trade, though their efforts were ultimately unsuccessful.



## **Effects on Colonies in Americas**

- □ In the Americas, the slave trade allowed colonies in the Caribbean, Brazil, and the south-eastern part of North America to become huge economic successes by providing unpaid labor on tobacco, rice, and sugar plantations.
- □ The arrival of slaves in the Americas contributed to the development of strict race based social hierarchies that led to the long-term suppression of both slaves and free people of African descent.
  - Slaves also suffered from poor working and living conditions; this contributed to high mortality rates in the sugar and rice growing regions.
    - Conditions were slightly better in the tobacco growing regions of the Chesapeake region.
- The importation of slaves to the Americas brought a rich and vibrant African culture to the Caribbean, South America, and parts of North America.
- □ This culture contributed to the language, diet, religion, and music of all of the of region.
  - Case study: Venezuela's Tambores Percussion Music v. Traditional West African Percussion Music.

