



Year 6  
The Atlantic Slave Trade

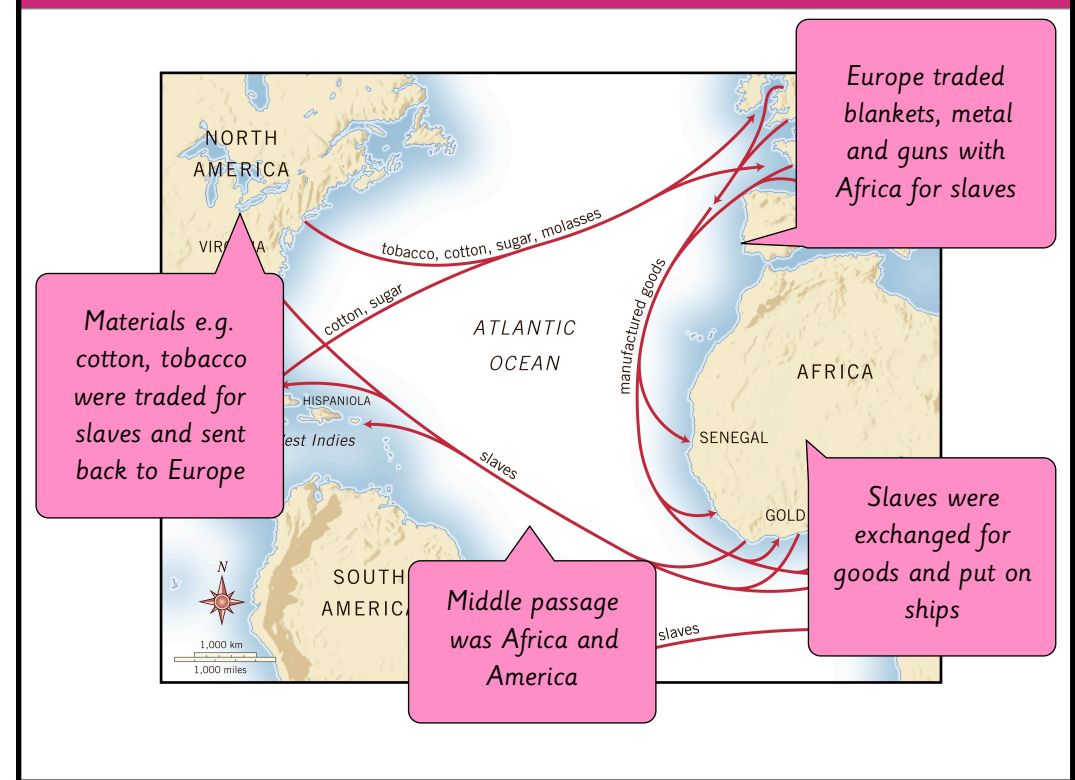
Key vocabulary

slavery	being forced to work hard without payment
slave trade	ownership, transporting and selling of slaves from Africa to America and Europe
raw materials	basic materials from which other products are made e.g. cotton
manufactured goods	products made from raw materials e.g. guns made from metal
British Empire	territories ruled over by Britain
transatlantic	crossing the Atlantic Ocean
branding	burning a mark into the skin to show ownership and stop slaves being able to escape
middle passage	route between Africa and America, the middle part of the triangle
auction	where people bid money for an item, in this case slaves

Did you know...?

Slavery had existed long before the Atlantic slave trade - slaves were first recorded as far back as 1760 BC.
Approximately 12 million people were enslaved as a result of the Atlantic slave trade.
The 'middle passage' of the journey took an average of 7 weeks to complete.
Approximately 15% of slaves died whilst being transported to the Americas.

Map of Atlantic Slave Trade Triangle



Timeline

1619	First ship-load of Africans arrive in Virginia USA	1789	UK bans slavery
1760	First protest against the slave trade is led by a slave	1792	British Government agrees in principle to end the trade
1772	The first escaped slave is freed Lord Mansfield rules slavery illegal in England	1807	British Government rules that anyone found transporting slaves will be fined £100
1787	Committee for Abolition of Slave Trade formed in UK	1808	US bans slavery