

Unit 1 - What was Bristol's role in the Slave Trade?

What should I know?

- The slave trade was at its height during the 18th Century and involved the exchange of slaves and goods between Europe, Africa and The Americas.
- British ports such as Bristol were heavily involved in the slave trade.
- Slaves were taken from their homes, subjected to terrible conditions, treated inhumanly and expected to work without pay.
- In 1807, The Slave Trade Act abolished the slave trade in the British Empire.
- Lots of locations and buildings in Bristol are named after slave owners as they brought lots of money to the city. There is lots of debate about whether these should be changed to reflect the way they the people who were held as slaves were treated by them.

What should I know by the end of the unit?

- Key places involved in the slave trade and where they are on a map.
- Key British ports and why they were involved in the slave trade.
- Key dates in the development and abolition of the slave trade.
- How slaves were treated during the slave trade.

Key Knowledge

What was the transatlantic slave trade?

The slave trade was part of a network of trade between Britain, West Africa and the Caribbean.

Between 1501 and 1866, over 12 million Africans are estimated to have been exported, around 2 million of these probably died enroute.

Slaves were used as cheap, reliable labour to produce sugar, rum, tobacco, cotton and other products.

Slaves were bought and transported on long journeys in terrible conditions.

They were forced to work without wages in often inhumane conditions.

Where did the Transatlantic slave trade take place?

British ports such as Bristol, London and Liverpool were involved in trading goods for slaves and using these to produce profitable products.

The slave trade triangle involved transporting goods to Africa to exchange for slaves, transporting slaves to plantations in the West Indies and Americas and transporting the goods produced back to Europe.

Making Links - Remember when you....

- Learnt about the Earth's continents
- Learnt to identify European countries and major cities.
- Learnt about the history of Bristol.
- Learnt about counties in England



Key Vocabulary

Slavery
Slave
Slave Trade
Abolition
Civilisation
Colony
Commonwealth
Empire
Exploitation
Independence
The Middle
Passage
The New World
Plantation
Profit
Racism
Rebellion
Triangular Trade
Reparations

