

Slavery and the Growth of the Nation Spring 2024

Class 1 The Atlantic Slave Trade

European exploration in the 15th century opened up the Atlantic to discovery and trade. Although the English were slow to enter the slave trade by the first quarter of the 17th century they were establishing colonies in the Caribbean, and the coast of North America. Participation in the slave trade was quick to follow. Extracting wealth from the New World required labor. Exploitation of the already existing slave trade in Africa provided the opportunity for settlers to establish profitable colonies. The Africans caught up in the trade were principally from the

Class 2 Establishing viable colonies

Class 3 Establishing slave societies and societies with slaves

Class 4 Reconciling national ideals of Freedom and Independence with growing slave societies

Class 5 Expansion of Slavery and Manifest Destiny

Class 6 Railroads

Class 7 War

Class 8 Abolition

Class 9 Ongoing conflict between white supremacy and racial equality