

# Year 8 Knowledge Organiser: Slave Trade

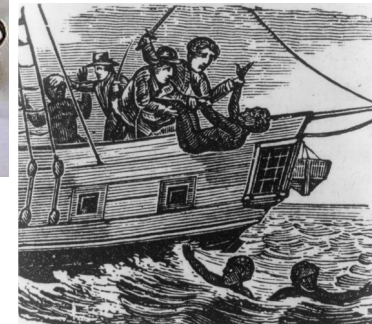
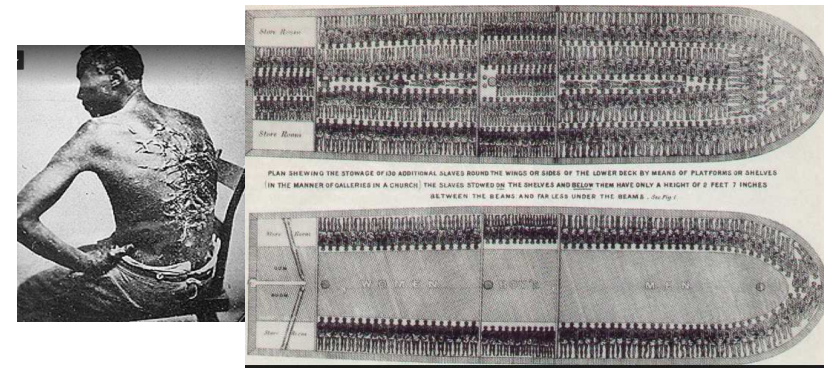
## What is a slave?:

Someone who is owned by someone else and has no freedom, no property and no choice



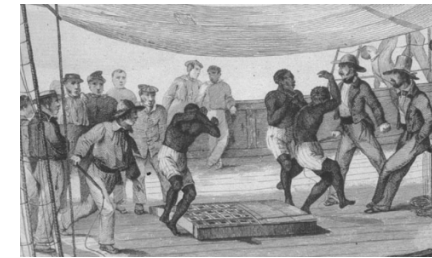
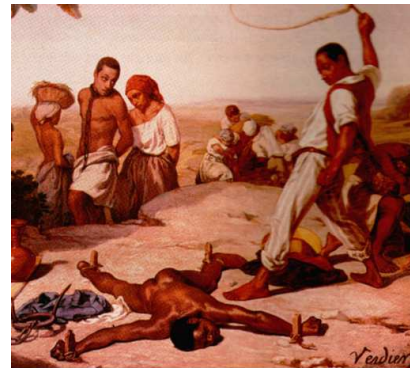
## Key Words

Plantation	Large farm growing one crop
Trade	Buying and selling goods
Auction	Selling something to the highest bidder
Olaudah Equiano	Slave who bought his freedom and wrote an autobiography
Abolitionist	Someone who campaigns for the end of the slave trade or slavery
Overseer	Someone employed to make sure the slaves worked hard



## Reasons slavery was justified

- Beliefs that Africans were not as clever as whites, more like animals
- Belief that the Bible condoned slavery and that God approved of it
- Slavery made plantation owners in the Americas lots of money as they didn't need to pay wages
- Slave traders could make as much as \$1200 a slave when they sold them
- Slavery was not against the law
- Belief that it made the Africans happier or somehow rescued them



## Key Abolitionists

Josiah Wedgwood – "Am I not a man and a brother?"  
 Thomas Clarkson – interviewed sailors and collected chains  
 William Wilberforce – MP  
 Granville Sharp – Lawyer  
 Oludah Equiano – ex-slave

## Reasons for abolition (1807)

- The trade became less profitable e.g. sugar from the W Indies was more expensive
- Work of abolitionists
- Rebellions e.g. Zong/St Dominique
- Large public meetings, pamphlets and posters
- Petitions against slavery
- Work of Christian groups e.g. Quakers

