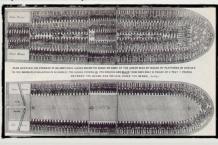


Slavery's Background • What factors combined to create the Aristocracy of Skin color that existed in

- the United States before 1860?
- Why was slavery not present in the North, but such a strong and important institution in the South?
- How did the people of the United States benefit from slavery?
 How did slave owners maintain their authority, when they were so numerically outnumbered on plantations?



The stories only they could tell



- Born Free in NY
- Musician
- Captured and sold into slavery "Platt"
- Master Tibeats



- Slave on Norcom Plantation
- Consensual affair with Samuel Sawyer Norcom's threatens her children
- 7 years in Grandma's attic
- "I want to add my testimony to that of abler pens to convince the people of the Free States what slavery really is. Only by experience can any one realize how deep, dark, and foul is that pit of



- Born a slave
- Importance of Education

Cotton Gin and Southern Expansion

- 1793, → gives slavery
- ↑ slave output
- Cotton Exports, 1800-1860
- S. cotton feeds N. economy
 of total US exports
- Southerners = New Aristocracy in Cotton
- Kingdom

 Economic power =
- Pro-Slavery Arguments:
 S. Whites find justification in
- 5. Whites find justification i
- → slavery =
- property rights

 → plantation as a
- family
- Slavery = good for slaves and for the nation



Cotton Gin and Southern Expansion

Excerpt from George Fitzhugh, Cannibals All!, or, Slaves Without Masters

"The negro slaves of the South are the happiest, and, in some sense, the freest people in the world. The children and the aged and infirm work not at all, and yet have all the comforts and necessities of life provided for them. They enjoy liberty, because they are oppressed neither by care nor labor. The women do little hard work, and are protected from the despotism of their husbands by their masters. The negro men and stout boys work, on the average, in good weather, not more than nine hours a day. The balance of their time is spent in perfect abandon."

The Evidence

- "A Mississippi Plantation"
 - Is there any evidence that slaves were treated well?
- Evidence that they were treated poorly?
- "Accounts of Slavery"
 - How does this source differ from/compare to "A



