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AFRICAN DIASPORA:

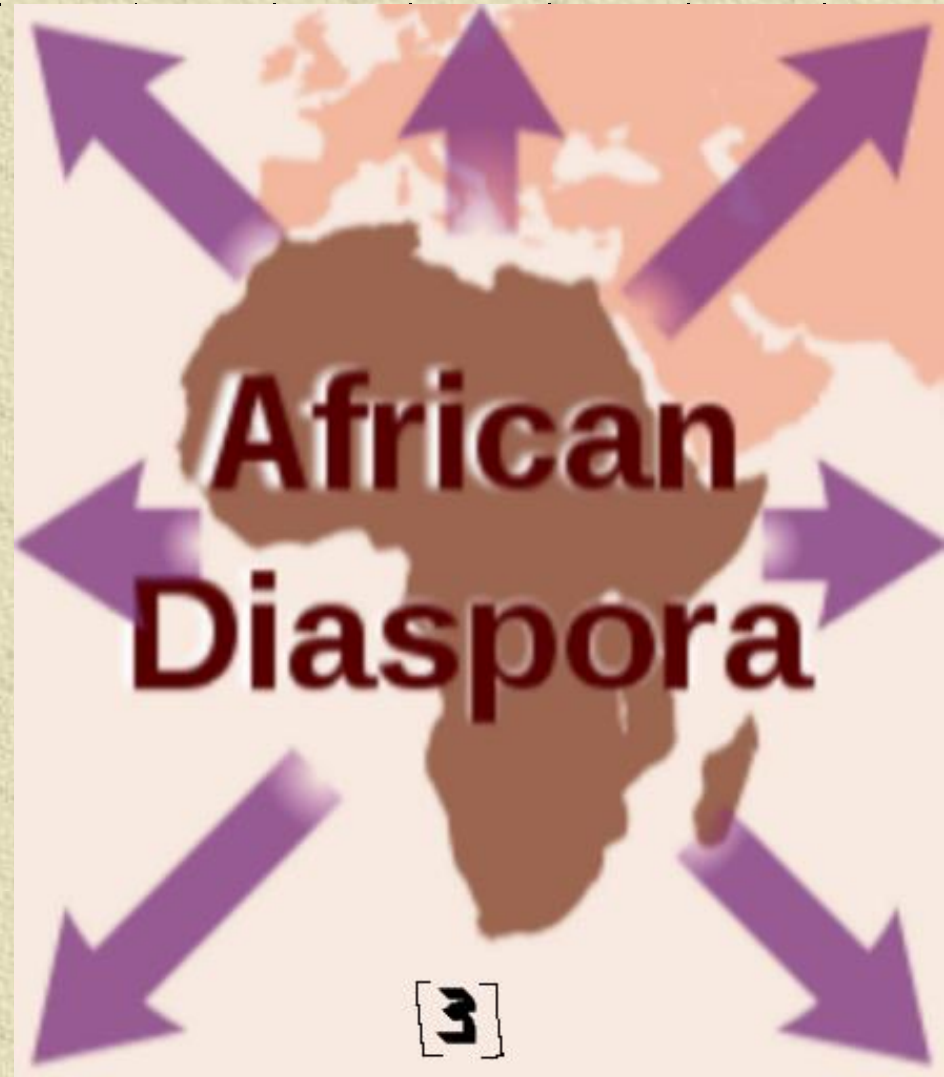
Result of enslavement and Forced Migration of African Nations in the History

- ❖ “the darkest thing about Africa has always been our ignorance of it.”

– **George Kimble [1]**

- ❖ “The enemies of Africa wish to persuade the world that five out of the six thousand years that the world has existed, Africa has always been sunk in barbarism, and that ignorance is essential to the nature of her inhabitants. Have they forgotten that Africa was the cradle of the arts and sciences? If they pretend to forget this, it becomes our duty to remind them of it.”

– **Baron De Vastey [2]**

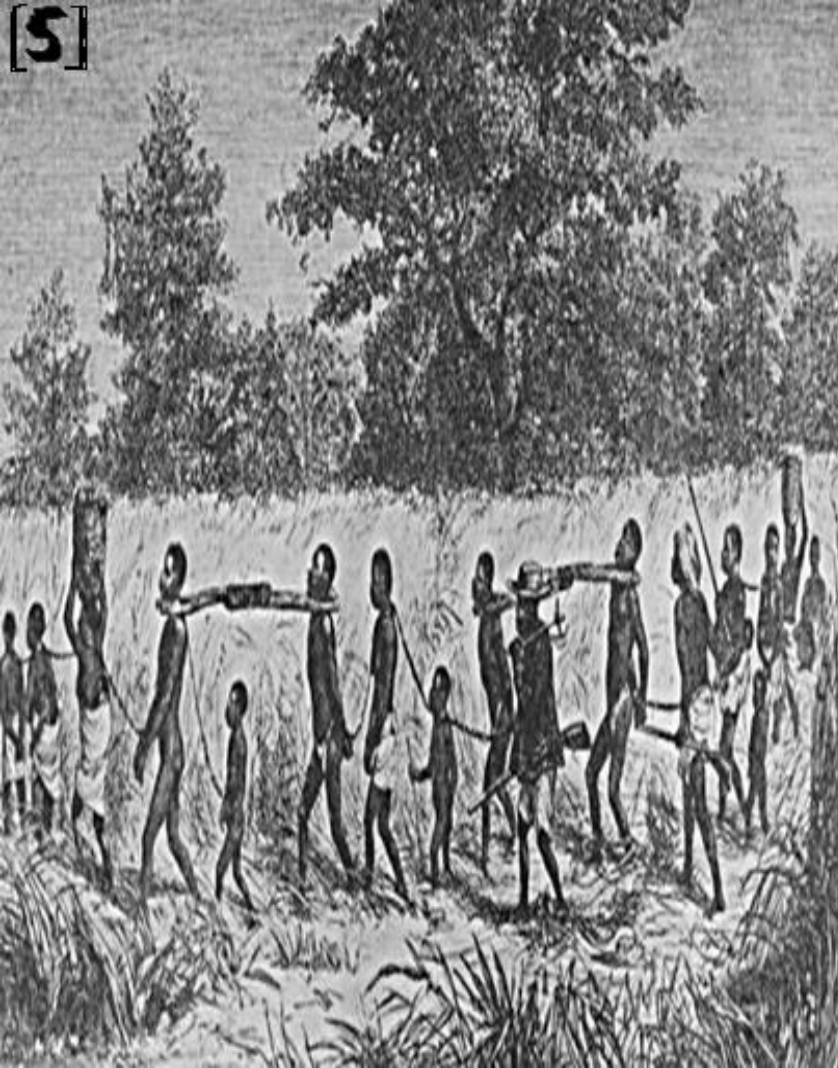


EARLY AFRICAN KINGDOMS & EMPIRES

- ❖ Ancient Egypt
- ❖ Kush/Nubia
- ❖ Axum
- ❖ Al Moravid Empire
- ❖ Ghana
- ❖ Mali
- ❖ Songhay
- ❖ Kanem Bornu
- ❖ Benin
- ❖ The Dahomey
- ❖ Great Zimbabwe



SLAVERY & SLAVE TRADE



- Slavery has existed since the beginnings of human civilization
- Slavery was a universal institution in the ancient world as a dominant labor
- Slaves in the old world often were symbols of prestige, of investment, sign of wealth, luxury and power prior to European Colonization
Slaves were a form Before the Atlantic slave trade began, slavery took many forms
 - ❖ Voluntary
 - ❖ Criminals
 - ❖ War captives
 - ❖ Debtors
 - ❖ Chattel (property)

BERLIN CONFERENCE & PIECE OF PIE

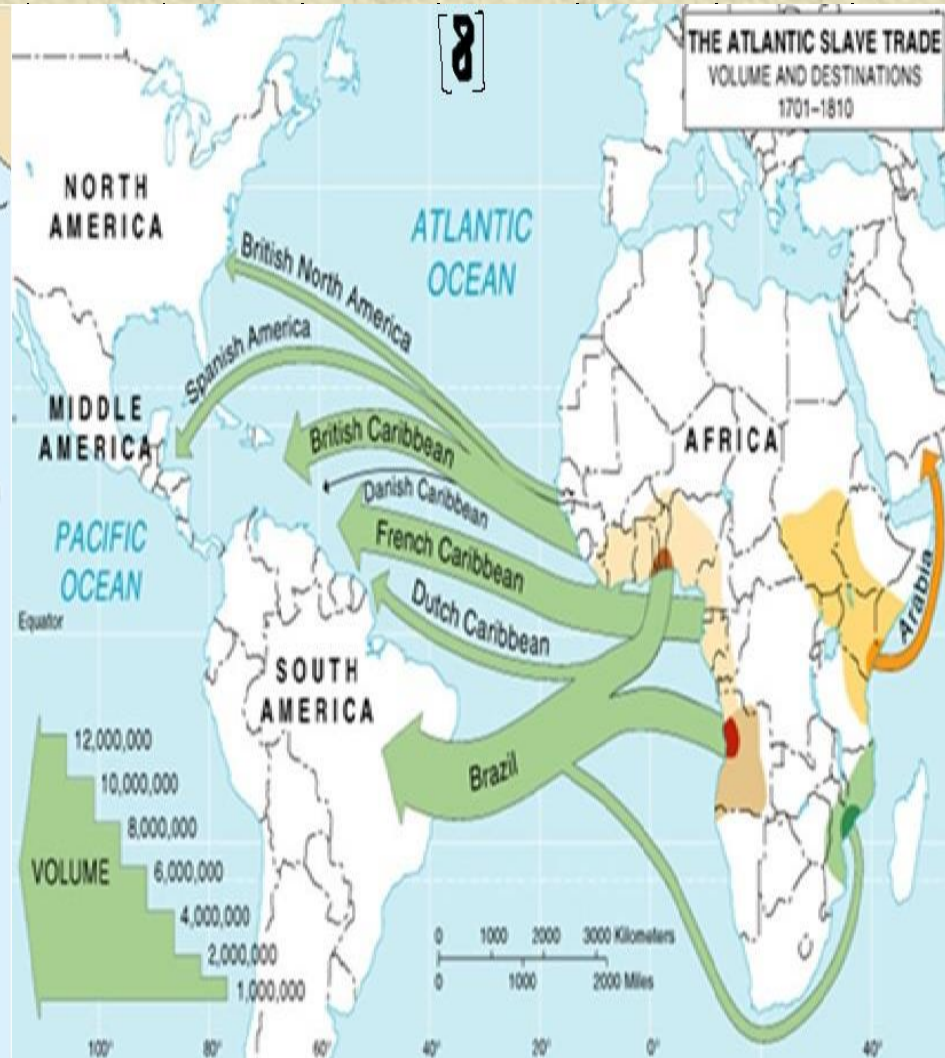
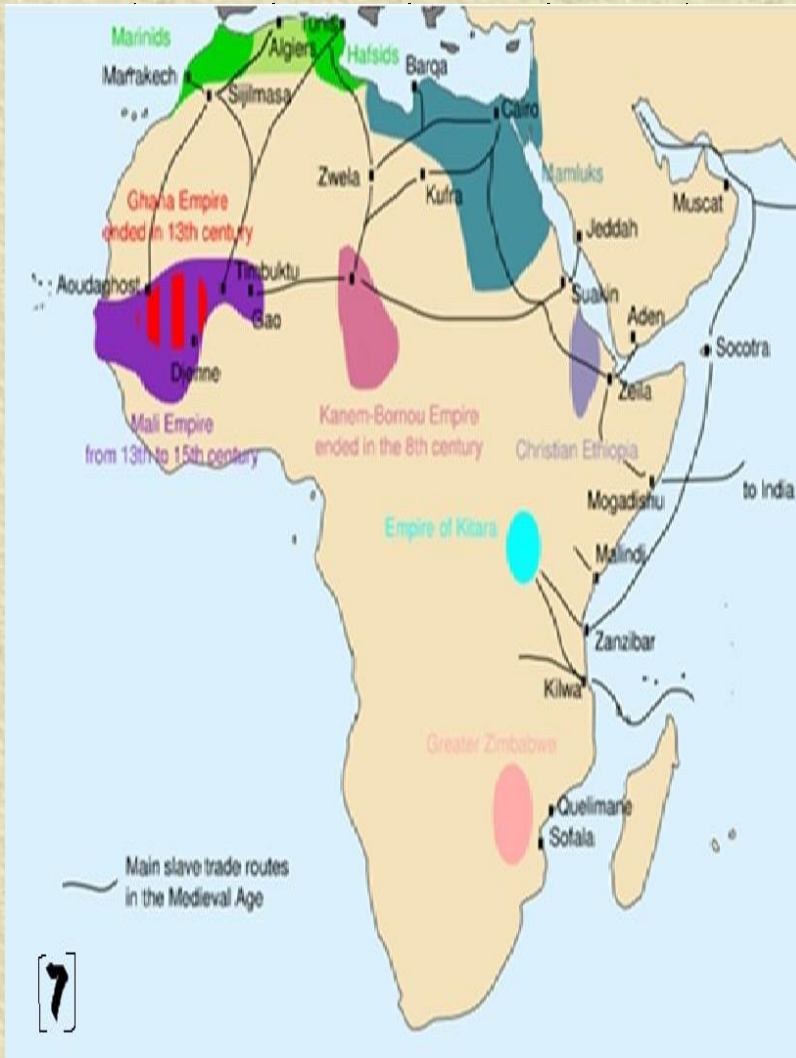
African Colonization After the Berlin Conference (1884–1885)



- ❖ **Germany**
- ❖ **Great Britain**
- ❖ **France**
- ❖ **Belgium**
- ❖ **Denmark**
- ❖ **Portugal**
- ❖ **Spain**
- ❖ **Austria-Hungary**
- ❖ **Italy**
- ❖ **The Netherlands**
- ❖ **Russia**
- ❖ **Sweden-Norway (unified)**
- ❖ **Ottoman Empire**
- ❖ **United States of America**

➤ African slaves went to three parts of the world:

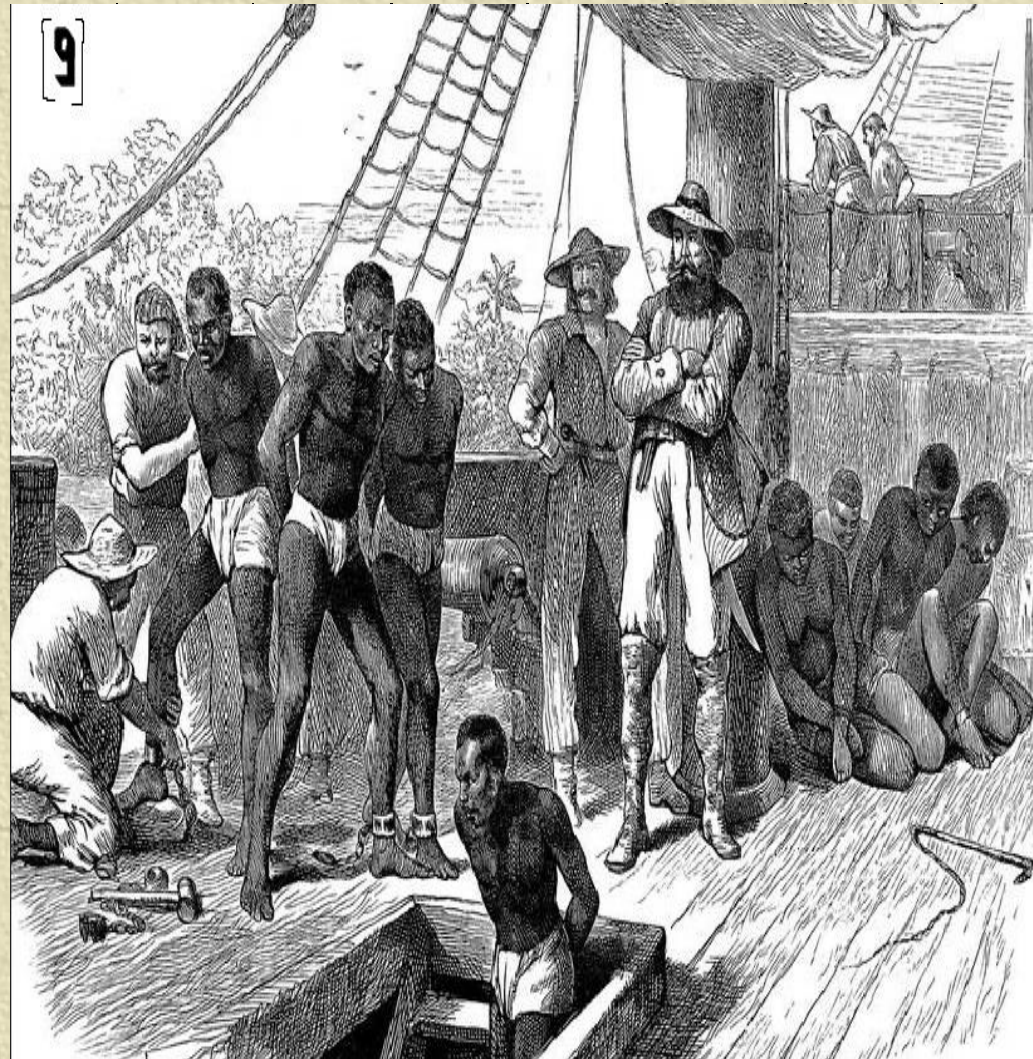
- ❑ The Western Hemisphere
- ❑ Islamic Lands (Middle East & India)
- ❑ Americas (New World)





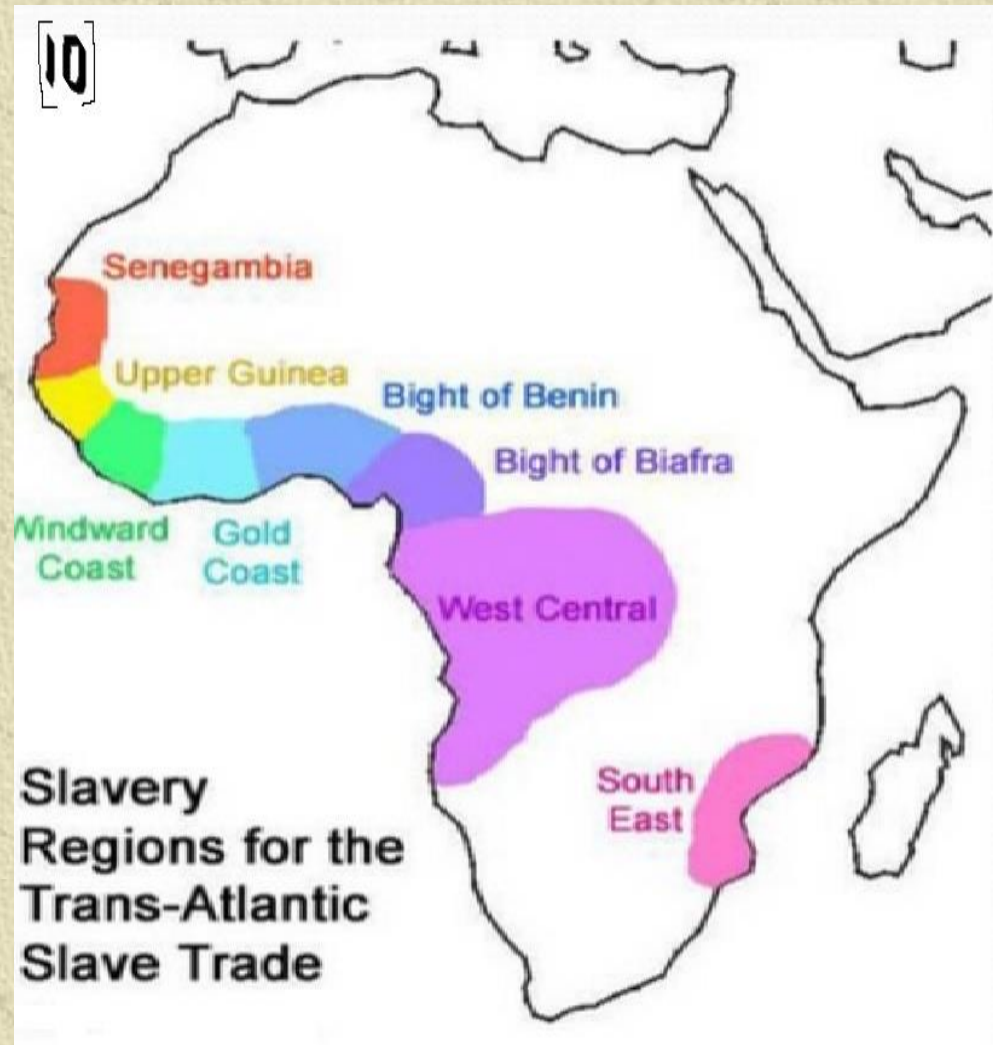
HOW WAS SLAVERY JUSTIFIED?

- ❖ **Slaves are part of the natural order of the universe**
- ❖ **Slaves are inferior beings**
- ❖ **Slavery is good for slaves**
- ❖ **Slaves are essential to certain industries**
- ❖ **Slavery is acceptable in Western-Culture**
- ❖ **Living in slavery is better than starving to death in Africa**
- ❖ **It is impious to say slavery is anti-Christian**
- ❖ **The negro is inferior to the white**
- ❖ **People are not born equal**
- ❖ **Slavery produced massive amounts of wealth**



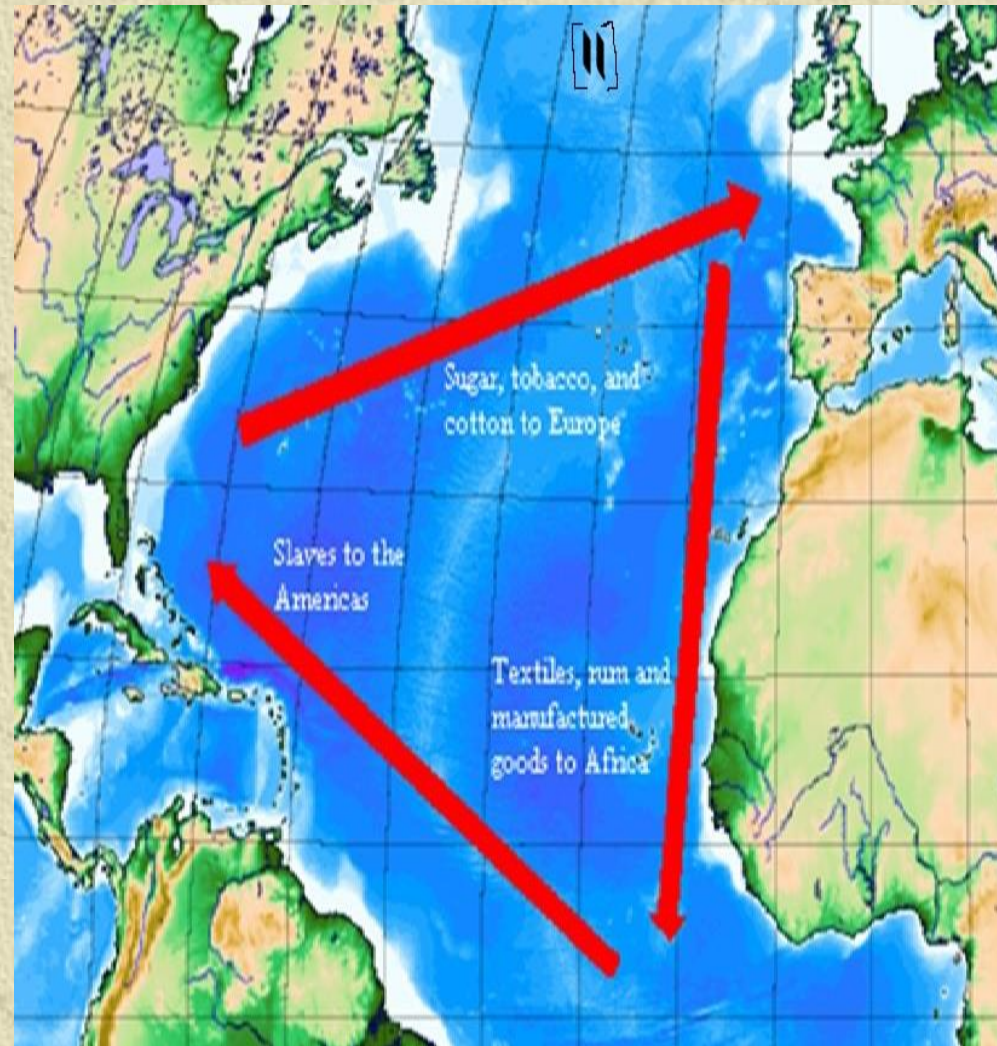
GEOGRAPHY OF SLAVERY

- ❖ First, the early enslaved mostly came from Senegambia down to the Windward Coast
- ❖ Then, slaves were taken from the Gold Coast (Ghana) & the Bights of Benin and Biafra
- ❖ Next, they were taken from West Central Africa
- ❖ Finally, they were taken from South-East Africa



THE ATLANTIC CIRCUIT (TRIANGULAR TRADE)

- ❖ **First leg: Manufactured goods (guns, textiles, etc.) from Europe to Africa**
- ❖ **Second leg (the Middle Passage): African slaves to the New World**
- ❖ **Third leg: Plantation goods (cash crops, raw materials, etc.) back to Europe**
- ❖ *Involves the movement of goods, wealth, and free and unfree laborers, and the mixing of African, American, and European cultures and peoples*



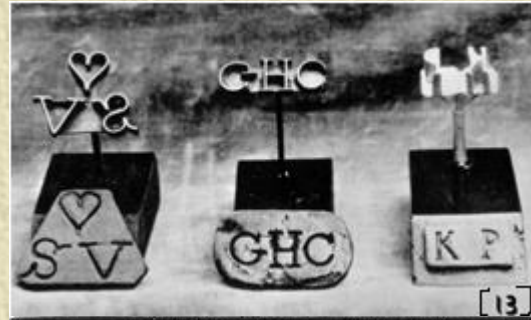
CAPTURE & ENSLAVEMENT

- ❖ **The original capture of slaves was almost always violent**
- ❖ **As European demand grew, African chiefs and leaders organized raiding parties to seize individuals from neighboring societies**
- ❖ **Others launched wars specifically for the purpose of capturing slaves**
- ❖ **Walked in slave caravans to the forts for miles**
- ❖ **One half survived the death march**
- ❖ **Place in underground dungeons until they were boarded on ships**
- ❖ **Slaves chained together and crammed into spaces sometimes less than five feet high**



ARRIVAL, AUCTIONS & TORTURES

- ❖ When the slave ship docked, the slaves would be taken off the ship and placed in a pen.
- ❖ There they would be washed and their skin covered with grease, or sometimes tar, to make them look healthy.
- ❖ They would also be branded with a hot iron to identify them as slaves.
- ❖ Slaves were sold at auctions.
- ❖ Buyers physically inspected the slaves, to include their teeth as an indication of the slave's age.
- ❖ Auctioneers had slaves perform various acts to demonstrate their physical abilities.



ABOLITION OF THE SLAVE TRADE & AFTERMATH OF SLAVERY

- ❖ Slave trade illegal in Britain in 1807, US 1808, France 1831, Spain 1834
- ❖ Abolition of slavery did not mean former slaves have achieved full freedom.
- ❖ Black Codes
- ❖ Jim Crow Laws
- ❖ Millions of freedmen without education, without money, without land and without tools



MODERN FORMS OF SLAVERY

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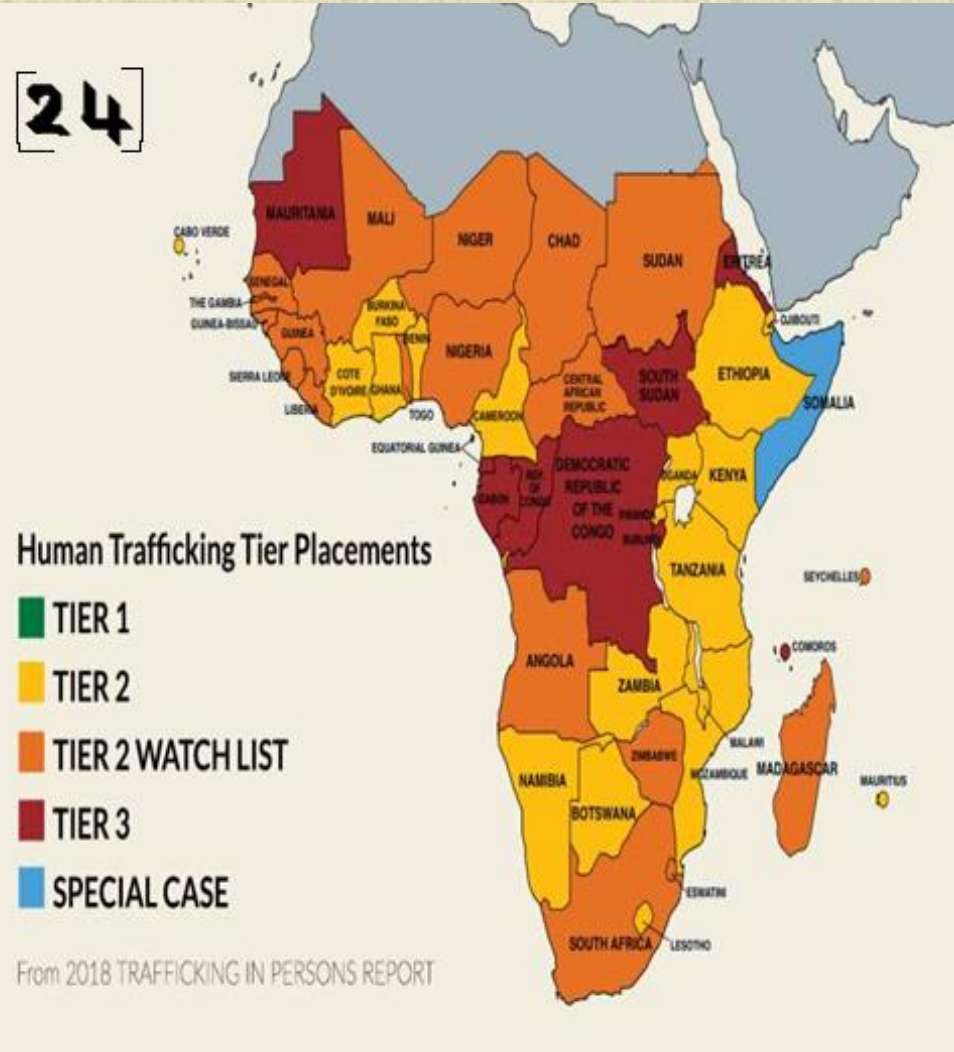
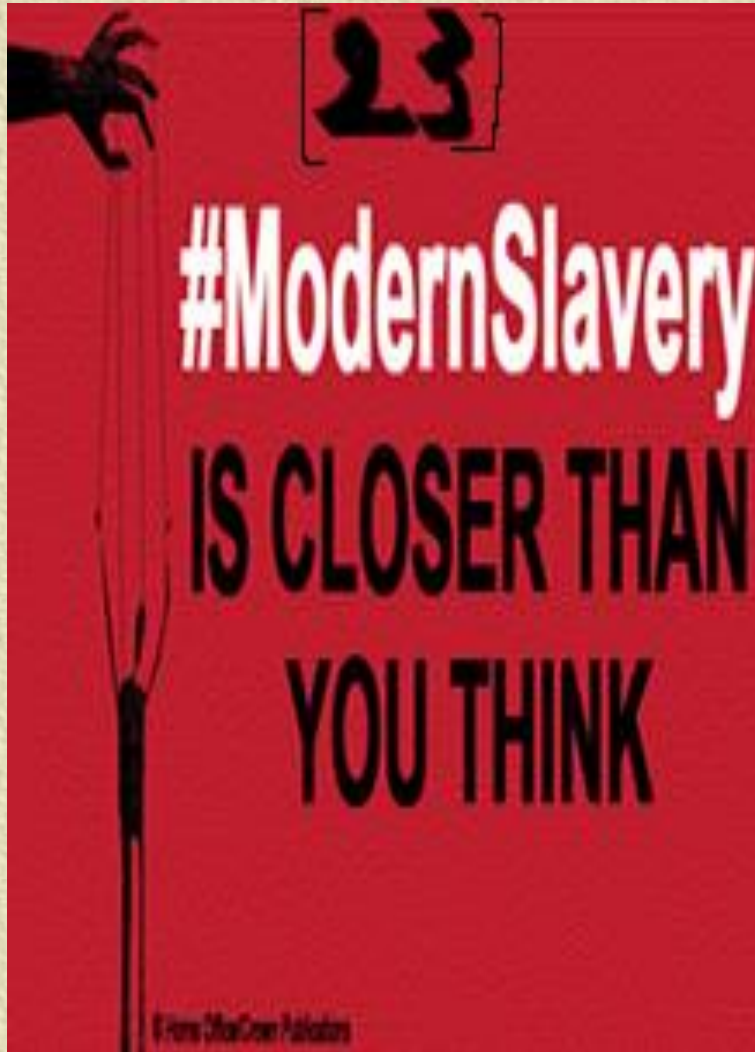
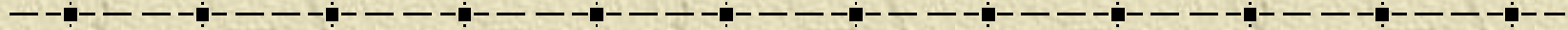


TRT WORLD

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AFRICAN COUNTRIES FACE CHALLENGES IN EFFECTIVELY RESPONDING TO ALL FORMS OF MODERN SLAVERY



THERE ARE MANY FORMS OF MODERN SLAVERY

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Sexual exploitation



Domestic servitude



Labour exploitation



Forced marriage



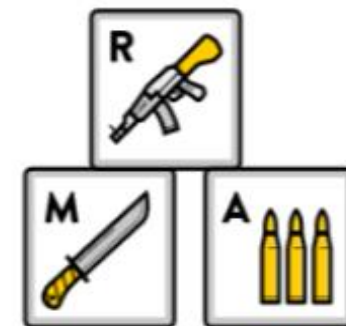
Organ Harvesting



Forced criminality



Drug trade



Child soldiers

SLAVERY AND THE GLOBAL SLAVE TRADE CONTINUE TO THRIVE TO THIS DAY



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1 person is trafficked every 30 seconds

27 million victims worldwide

In our restaurants, hotels, and even our backyards

Victims are exploited through forced labor, domestic servitude, or the sex trade

A global problem, with 161 countries affected by trafficking worldwide

At \$32 billion a year, it's the second most profitable crime in the US

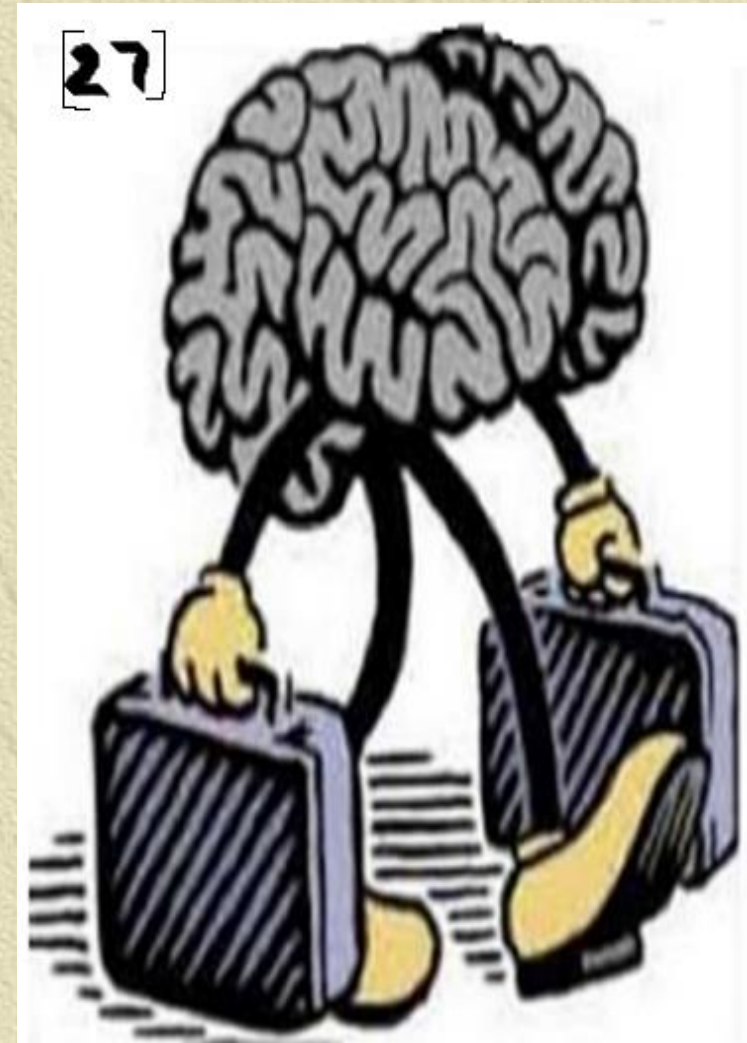
90% of forced labor victims are exploited in the private economy

100,000 children in the sex trade each year, domestically

AFRICAN'S BRAIN DRAIN: ANOTHER FORM OF MODERN SLAVERY

➤ **Lost of human capital flight (qualified, skills & talented people):**

- ❖ **Low and corroding wages**
- ❖ **lack of adequate working conditions**
- ❖ **Unemployment**
- ❖ **Discrimination**
- ❖ **conflicts and wars**
- ❖ **Lack of freedom**
- ❖ **Substandard living conditions**
- ❖ **Poor health & Education services**
- ❖ **Lack of Facilities**



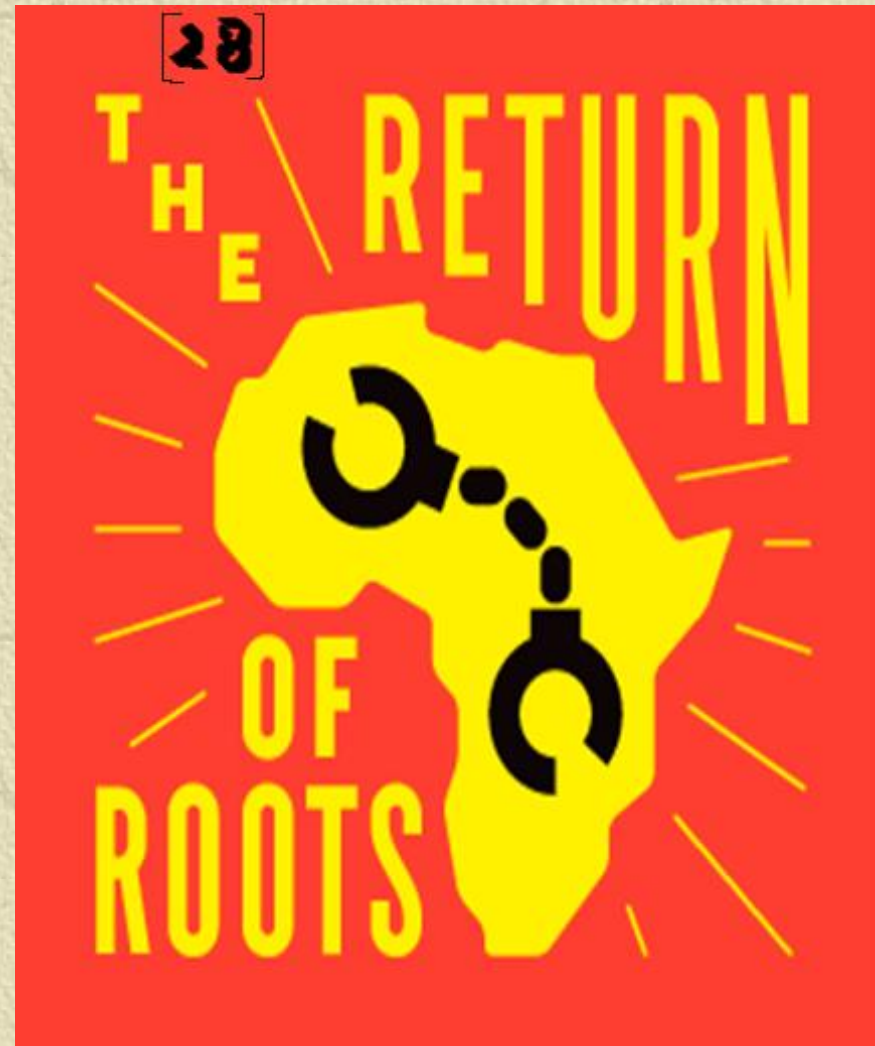
CONDITIONS THAT PRODUCED THE AFRICAN DIASPORA:

“African History as it pertains to
the Diaspora, Pre-Colonial
Africa, Racism’s Historical Roots
and The African Slave Trade.”

- **Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe**

AFRICAN DIASPORA & THE RETURN OF ROOTS TO THE CONTINENT

- ❖ Escaping the incessant racism, prejudice & stereotyping
- ❖ Feeling like a second-class citizen
- ❖ Pursuing alliances with the African diaspora
- ❖ Ghana initiative: year of return (2019)
- ❖ Inculcating linkages between Africans and their Diaspora
- ❖ Bringing back educated returnees to increase human capital
- ❖ Granting citizenship to African Diaspora



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