

EMANCIPATION

FORM THREE HISTORY



OUTCOMES

- Explain how slavery was organised in West Africa and its effects on enslaved Africans
- State briefly how enslaved Africans were emancipated in the English-speaking Caribbean
- Distinguish between physical and mental slavery
- Identify examples of mental slavery
- Generate solutions to mental slavery today

How did enslaved Africans obtain their freedom in the English-speaking Caribbean?

The abolition of slavery in the English-speaking classroom came about due to the efforts of the enslaved Africans resisting slavery, the work of humanitarians and parliamentarians in Britain.

Read here about Nanny Grigg a famous Maroon from Jamaica who fought against the system of slavery.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grb_DBs2m0c

EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION-TRINIDAD

The Emancipation Proclamation was read on August 1st 1834 by Governor, Sir George Hill in front of the Treasury Building.

This Proclamation marked the abolition of slavery, all the formerly enslaved, except children under the age of 6, were declared to be ‘apprentices,’ for six years, obligated to work for their former owners without wages for three-quarters of the defined work week. Full emancipation came four years later on August 1, 1838. In 1984 1st August was declared a public holiday for the commemoration of emancipation .



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Activity 1- First let us review what occurred in West Africa

Review the verses of “Redemption Song” by Bob Marley and answer the questions that follow.

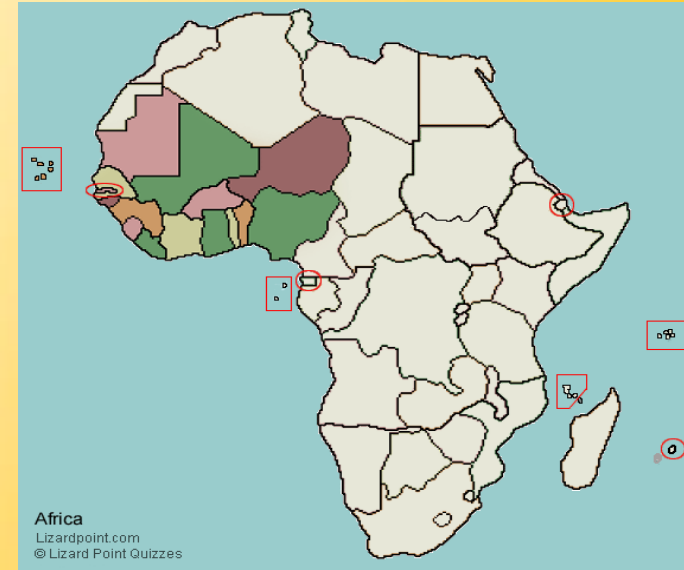
*Old pirates, yes, they rob I
Sold I to the merchant ships
Minutes after they took I
From the bottomless pit*

*But my hand was made strong
By the hand of the almighty
We forward in this generation
Triumphantly*

*Won't you help to sing
These songs of freedom
'Cause all I ever have
Redemption songs
Redemption songs*

QUESTIONS -Use your textbooks and internet to answer the questions

- ☐ Who are the pirates referred to in the song?
- ☐ Which countries owned the merchant ships?
- ☐ Name one of the sites in West Africa of these “bottomless pits”?
- ☐ Who are the prophets that have been killed in the Caribbean and elsewhere?
- ☐ How were Africans then mentally enslaved?



ANSWERS

- ☐ Who are the pirates referred to in the song?

The pirates were the enslavers-African chiefs and European traders

- ☐ Which country owned the merchant ships?

Britain, Spain, France, Holland

- ☐ Name one of the sites in West Africa of these “bottomless pits”?

Goree Island, Senegal; Cape Coast Ghana

- ☐ Who are the prophets that have been killed in the Caribbean and elsewhere?

Martin Luther King-The United States; Toussaint L'Ouverture-Haiti; Bussa-

Barbados; Nanny Grigg-Jamaica

- ☐ How were Africans then mentally enslaved?

They were denied their culture and told that it was inferior to European culture. They were not allowed to practice their religion, keep their family structure, traditions.

ACTIVITY 2 - Let us look at mental slavery

MENTAL SLAVERY

Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery
None but ourselves can free our minds
Have no fear for atomic energy
How long shall they kill our prophets
While we stand aside and look
Oh! Some say
it's just a part of it
We've got to fulfill the book
Won't you help to sing
These songs of freedom
'Cause all I ever have
Redemption songs
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ARE WE TODAY FULLY EMANCIPATED? OR IN MENTAL SLAVERY?

There is a view that many of us are not emancipated. Although physical slavery has ended we are still mentally enslaved.

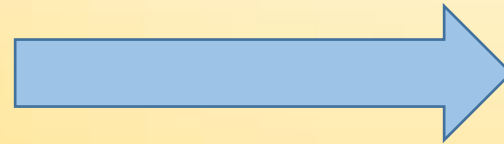
Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery

None but ourselves can free our minds

Have no fear

What is mental slavery? How is it different from physical slavery?

**EXAMPLES
OF
MENTAL
SLAVERY
TODAY**



**THE
INTERNET**



**EMPHASIS
ON NORTH
AMERICAN
CULTURE**



**Add some
more!**

MENTAL SLAVERY

- Mental slavery can be defined as having one's thoughts, ideas and beliefs controlled by someone else or group.
- Physical slavery refers to being owned by another and who controls one's movement life.

Activity 3

View the spoken word performance entitled Touchscreen by Marshall Davis Jones. List the ways by which the “touchscreen” has enslaved us. I am sure you can identify with many of them!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAX845QaOck>

Activity 4

1. Would you say that you are a slave to phones and other computer devices?
2. On a scale of 1 – 5 how has this affected the following

	No Affect 1	Limited Affect 2	Sometimes 3	Some Affect 4	Significant Affect 5
Your relationship with your parents					
Distracted you from your online learning.					

3. Based on the previous question state one thing you would do differently to improve parent relationship and online learning?

ANSWERS

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- Rejection of West Indian culture
- Importation of foreign food.

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Technology has resulted in us losing touch with our humanity-the ability to touch, hear, feel each other

- ✓ Spend a lot of time on Facebook
- ✓ More online friends than real friends
- ✓ Nature is ignored to concentrate on the touchscreen
- ✓ We are glued to phones so we are not friendly with each other-little eye contact

SOURCES

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