

# Systems of production

*After the Europeans realized that the Caribbean gold and silver deposits were done, the Spanish, English and French turned the Caribbean into places of agricultural enterprises. The planting of tobacco was replaced by the planting of sugar, starting from the 1640's . The large scale planting of sugar facilitated a large labour force . The Europeans eventually turned to enslaved Africans to develop and sustain the plantation economy that they had developed . When slavery ended in 1838 in the British Caribbean, the Europeans turned to indentured servants to maintain the plantation economy.*



Slavery and indentureship maintained the plantation economy for more than 200 years

Slavery and indentureship that enabled metropolitan to gain millions of dollars . The former system was used to build the economies of Europe as Eric Williams points , while the latter system was used to prevent the collapse of the plantation system after emancipation in the British Caribbean . Below is a combination of videos that look at slavery and indentureship.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icTi4rKi3Yc&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icTi4rKi3Yc&feature=emb_logo)

*The video looks at how slavery benefited the banking sector of the United Kingdom.*

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*The video above shows the impact of East Indians on the Caribbean*