

**Trans-Atlantic slave trade and Black Civil Rights in the USA:** It is thought that as many as four million Africans were captured, transported off the Guinea Coast and sold into a life of slavery in the Americas between 1600 and 1807. You will investigate the Triangle Trade System that drove the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, life on a plantation and the also origins of the ‘abolition’ movement in the C18 and C19, before turning your attention towards the Black Civil Rights movement in the USA (of the 1950s and 60s), and campaigners like Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. Finally, as a complete contrast, we have included a short unit on Barbary slavery in the C18 and the story of Thomas Pellow.



Key People:		Key Words:	
Thomas Clarkson	English abolitionist campaigned to ban slave trade	Abolition movement	Campaign to abolish slavery in the US and Great Britain
Frederick Douglass	Former slave and American abolitionist campaigner	Auction	A slave market where purchasers ‘bid’ for the slaves
Joseph Emidy	Former slave & famous violinist (lived in Falmouth)	Barbary slaves	White slaves captured in Europe and sent to North Africa
Olaudah Equiano	Former slave whose biography shocked UK readers	Branding	Hot iron used to burn owners ‘mark’ on to a slave’s skin
Alex Haley	American author and campaigner – wrote “Roots”	Civil Rights Movement	Campaign for black civil rights / equality in USA (1950/60)
Rev. Martin Luther King	Civil rights campaigner promoted non-violence (US)	Confederacy	13 southern states – who left the ‘United States’ over slavery
Toussaint L’Ouverture	Slave leader of Haitian revolution in Saint Dominique	Dysentery	Disease of intestine causes diarrhoea & abdominal pain
Abraham Lincoln	President who led North to victory in the Civil War	Jim Crow Laws	Local laws enforcing racial segregation in C19 & C20 USA
Kunte Kinte	Slave ancestor of Alex Haley and hero of “Roots”	Ku Klux Klan	Violent racist group formed after the American Civil War
Rosa Parkes	Activist / hero of the Montgomery bus boycott	Lynching	Execution by hanging without the force of law (murder)
Thomas Pellow	Cornish lad who became a Barbary slave in the C18	Mason/Dixon Line	Symbolic dividing line between northern & southern states (US)
Granville Sharp	One of the first English abolitionist / campaigners	Middle Passage	Atlantic crossing taken by captured slaves in slave ships
Emmett Till	African-American boy (14) murdered in Mississippi	Plantation	Large farm worked by slaves growing cotton, tobacco, sugar
Harriet Tubman	Former slave who set up the ‘underground railroad’	Rebellion/Revolt	An uprising of slaves (in this context) against their masters
Nat Turner	Led slave rebellion in Virginia which frightens whites	Segregation	Practise of dividing ‘whites’ from ‘blacks’ in the South (US)
William Wilberforce	Led campaign to abolish slavery in UK Parliament	Trans-Atlantic slaves	Black slaves captured in Africa and sent to the Americas
Malcolm X	Rejected MLK “non-violence” civil rights methods	Triangle Trade System	Trading routes between Britain, Africa and the Americas

Timeline:		Timeline:	
1600-1807	Estimated 3-4 million slaves transported from Africa to Americas	1861-1865	American Civil War is fought - prompted by the issue of slavery
1791	Toussaint L’Overture leads slave revolt in Saint Dominique	1863	Abraham Lincoln makes ‘emancipation proclamation’ freeing slaves
1807	Trans-Atlantic slave trade is abolished by the British Parliament	1877 - 1965	Jim Crow Laws enforce racial segregation in southern United States
1816	Royal Navy bombards Algiers to end Barbary Slave Trade	1950s/60s	Black Civil Rights movement in the USA against segregation
1831	Nat Turner’s slave revolt in Southampton Virginia (55-65 dead)	1955	Emmett Till murder / Rosa Parkes arrest / Montgomery bus boycott
1833	Great Britain makes it illegal to own slaves as well as trade	1963	March on Washington and MLK’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech
1839	Amistad slave ship revolt and subsequent trial in the USA	1965	Malcolm X assassinated after his public break with Nation of Islam
1849	Harriet Tubman escapes slavery / sets up Underground Railroad	1968	Martin Luther King assassinated by James Earl Ray in Memphis Tennessee
1852	Harriet Beecher Stowe writes / publishes “Uncle Tom’s Cabin”	1976	Alex Haley writes / publishes “Roots” about his slave ancestors

