

AFRICA, AFRICA AND PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT : 400 YEARS AFTER THE TRANS ATLANTIC SLAVERY



- Cultural Transfer from Africa to America
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ORIGINS OF SLAVERY



- Portugese started the transatlantic slavery by exporting roughly 235 Africans from Senegal in 1444



PROGRESSION OF SLAVE TRADE

- The Middle Passage enabled the forced journey of enslaved Africans across the Atlantic Oceans to the Americas. Virginia, a British colony in the USA



OVERVIEW OF SLAVES IN AMERICA



- The African slaves toiled in every primary industry of the New World, including the Americas, where they extracted precious metals and timber; grew and harvested coffee, built railway lines, and cultivated tobacco, rice, and sugar.



CULTURAL TRANSFER FROM AFRICA TO AMERICA



- Much of the prevailing cultural practices of the time were brought over by African slaves to America, in turn influencing the culture of the continent
- These cultural practices ported over to America surround particular aspects of the daily lives of the slaves such as food and eating habits, clothing, hair, language and medicine
- The dashiki, Maasai beads, leather, and crafts products are imported to American due to their flavor and beauty, respectively



LANGUAGE



- Slaves would converse in their own language and even mix it with the English they were taught by force.
- Africans would soon begin to consider the use of such slang as part of their African identity and over the years.



COOKING



- Africans who could cultivate rice were taken from the Senegambia region to the Carolinas to cultivate the crop where it now flourishes and sustains all Americans.



CLOTHING



- African print remains a fashionable fabric for all forms of wear from formal to casual clothing, both in continental America and the rest of the world at large.



MEDICINE



- Various healing and treatment methods were carried over from Africa to America by slaves struggling with filthy conditions rife with disease in the slave ships and humid festering conditions at the plantations



AFRICAN CULTURE TODAY IN THE USA



- More than 200 million people are living in America that identify themselves as African descendants.
- The Africans are working in America with a close affiliation of keeping their traditions for their children.



SUGGESTIONS



- How can Africans save their culture and leave it as a tradition to their kids?
 - Folklore
 - Museums
 - Organization to support African culture.
 - Take kids to Africa



SUMMARY



- The Trans-Atlantic slave trade led to the relocation of many Africans who took parts of their language and culture over to America, in turn shaping the culture there.
- The cultural aspects and practices went on to shape the culture of American society so much that some of these influences are still exhibited in our present world
- Slang that was introduced from West Africa has made it to the dictionary.





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