

The Abolition Movement

Slaves and Free African Americans

Directions: Answer each of the following items in your notebooks. Use complete sentences; restate the question if it helps you write your answers.

Read each of the following sections found on pages 211-214 in your textbook.

Life as an Enslaved African American

1. Why did slavery grow or expand so much across the South by the 1800s?
2. What task did the slaves perform from dawn to dusk?
3. How did “overseers” maintain brutal work routines?
4. Name some basics of life that were inadequate for slaves.
5. When slaves lost all hope, what did they do?
6. How did slaves their hope and their dignity? Explain several ways they coped with their inhuman conditions and how they took comfort.
7. Explain several ways slaves resisted slavery.
8. Who was Nat Turner and what motivated him to carry out a revolt?
9. Explain Nat Turner’s revolt and the outcome of that revolt.



Free African Americans

10. By the 1840s why was there a growing population of free African Americans?
11. How did these free African Americans suffer despite their freedom?
12. What was the South’s goal of the American Colonization Society?
13. What did free African Americans fear about the American Colonization Society?
14. Why didn’t free African Americans migrate to Liberia?
15. Name some of the accomplishments of free African Americans.
16. Who was David Walker and how did he fight against slavery?



Putting it together... (constructed response)

On a separate sheet of lined paper, write a paragraph to answer each of the following: (These two responses *will be collected and graded separately*.)

- Describe the hardships of the lives of enslaved African Americans and the ways in which they coped.
- Explain the struggles and successes of free African Americans in the mid-1800s.

