

Mr. Wyka - World History

The Age of Exploration

1500-1800

Chapter 5

The First Global Economic Systems

Essential Question

- What are the effects of political and economic expansion?
 - On the explorers?
 - On the conquered?



Map of the World from a European view - 1482



Early 1500s

What a difference a few decades make.

Why does it matter?

The interaction between worlds brought a transfer of goods and people. In the case of the people making the journey, some did so willingly, some not.

These exchanges had a lasting effect on the world.

Lesson Vocabulary

mercantilism

- Principles that dominated economic thought in the 17th century, holding that the prosperity of a nation depended on a large supply of gold and silver.

plantations

- A large agricultural estate.

Middle Passage

- The forced voyage of enslaved Africans across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas.

Trades, Colonies and Mercantilism

The effects of European exploration...

- In the **Americas and the Spice Islands**
 - Led to the **destruction of local cultures and the establishment of European colonies.**



MAP 1-6 THE SPICE ISLANDS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Trades, Colonies and Mercantilism

The effects of European exploration...

- In Africa and mainland Asia, local regimes were left intact and some grew rich in trade with Europe.
 - Families torn apart by slavery
 - Increase in tribal warfare.



Slavery in the Kingdom of Kongo, 1491?

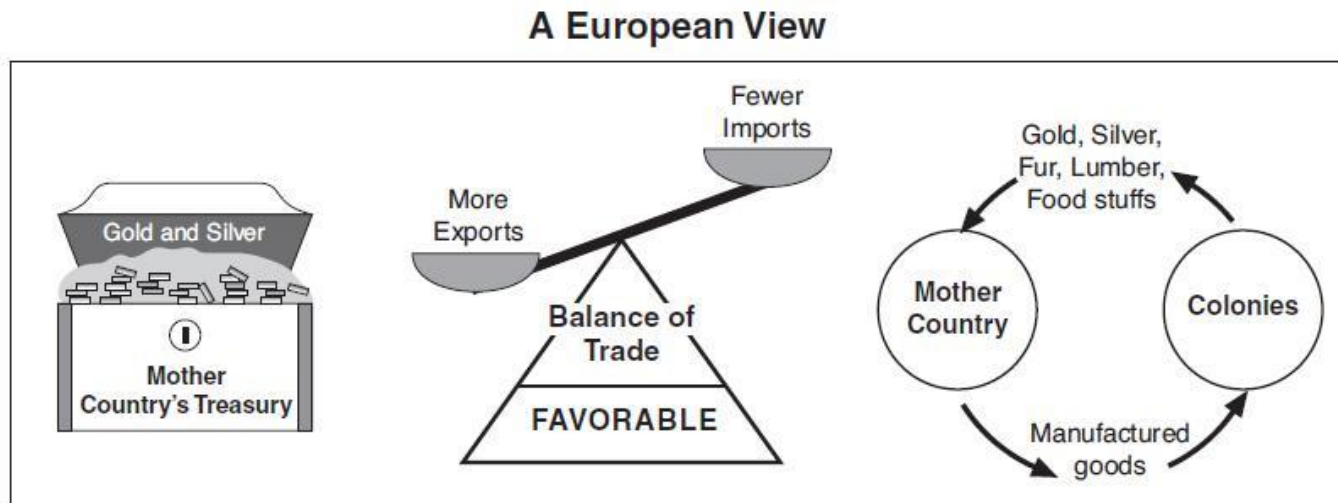
Trades, Colonies and Mercantilism

The effects of European exploration...

- **Europe prospered and a true “world economy” developed for the first time.**
- The theory of mercantilism dominated European economic thought in the 17th century.
 - **Mercantilism: Gold + silver = national prosperity.**

Trades, Colonies and Mercantilism

- Nations sought a positive **balance of trade**.
 - Exports are of greater value than the value of imports.
- Colonies were used as a source of raw materials and also as markets for exports of goods manufactured from those same raw materials.



The Columbian Exchange

The exchange of plants and animals (and people) between Europe and the Americas.

- The **far reaching** effects were both good and bad.
- Imagine the life of a Plains Native American before the 1st horses arrived. Imagine how life changed for them with the arrival of horses.
- Effects were felt as far away as China.
 - Europeans exported American crops (maize and sweet potatoes) to China, encouraging a population explosion in the mid 17th century.



Columbian Exchange



The Columbian Exchange

The Catholic Church prohibited enslaving the native peoples, which affected all of the holdings of the Spanish and Portuguese.

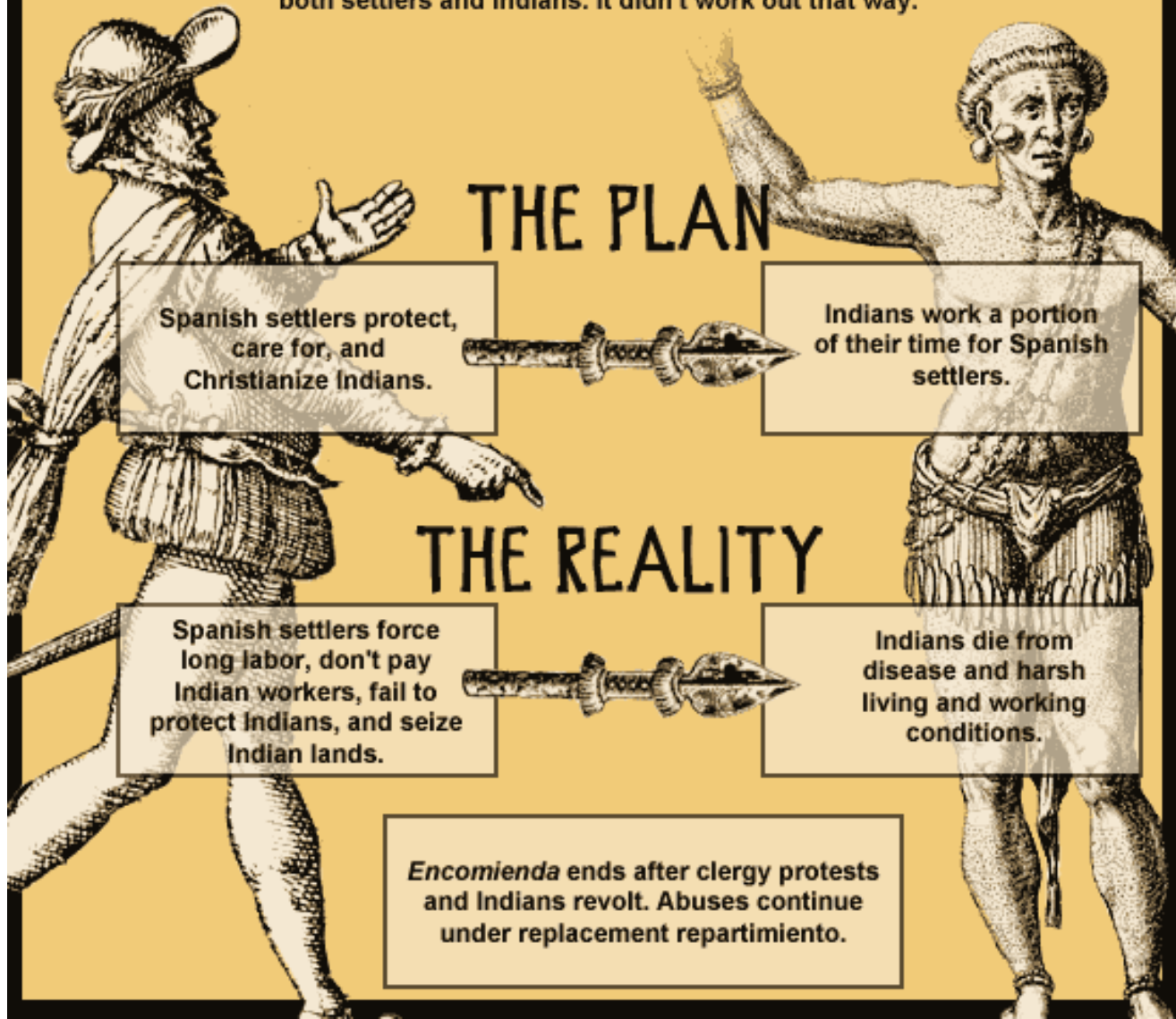
To get around this, **the Spanish crown established the *encomienda* system.**

- Granted Spanish settlers the right to use Native Americans as laborers.
- In return, the Spaniards were obligated to care for, educate, and be an advocate for the Native Americans.

This did not always happen and many Spaniards abused the *encomienda* privilege, resulting in virtual slavery for many.

Encomienda: The Plan and the Reality

The Spanish claimed that the encomienda system would benefit both settlers and Indians. It didn't work out that way.



European Rivals in the East

The Dutch, English, and French expanded into Asia.

- **Companies were established**, such as the British East India Company and the East India Company (Dutch) **to pursue their nation's economic interests in the East.**
- The British defeated the French in the Seven Years' War, forcing French withdrawal from India.
- **Eventually, Britain, through the British East India Company, would gain complete control of India.**

The British East India Company





The Atlantic Slave Trade

- **Europeans did not start the African slave industry.**
- Slavery had been practiced in Africa since ancient times.
- Before the first European slave ship brought Africans to the Americas in 1518, Islamic slavers had dominated the African slave industry for six hundred years.
- European expansion led to a dramatic increase in the slave trade.

The Atlantic Slave Trade

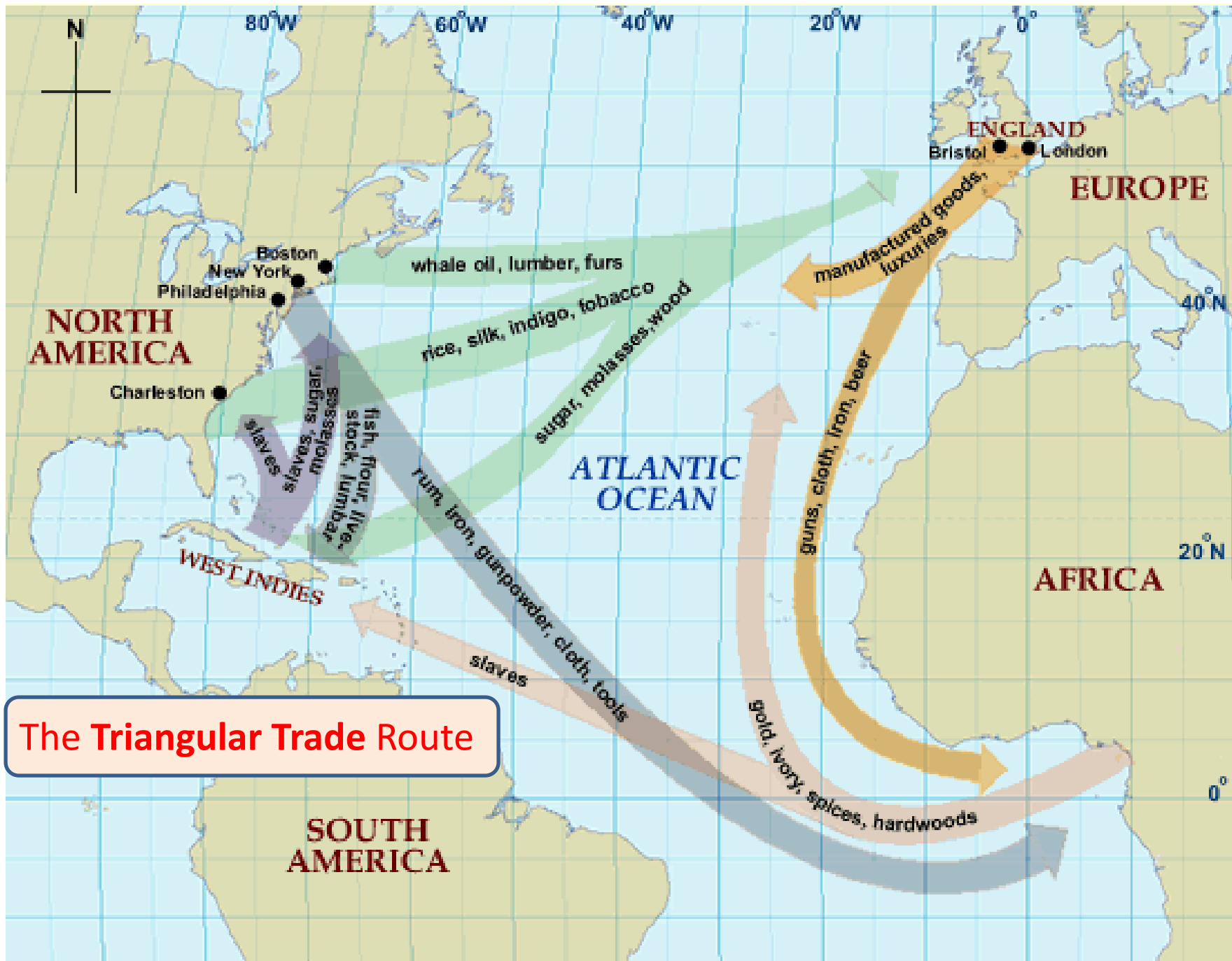
- Native American populations were decimated by disease. Workers were needed for the sugar plantations in South America and the Caribbean and later, cotton and tobacco plantations in North America.
- The Catholic Church condemned the practice and some Protestant churchmen spoke against it.
- However, the economic forces proved stronger than spiritual forces as the Reformation had weakened Christianity.

The Triangular Trade

- **The Slave Trade was one component of a trading system known as the Triangular Trade.**
- **European ships took manufactured goods to Africa where they were traded for enslaved people.**
- **Enslaved Africans were sent to the Americas and sold.**
- **Raw materials from the Americas were then shipped to Europe and the process began again.**
- **A slave's journey from Africa to the Americas became known as the Middle Passage – the middle portion of the Triangular Trade route.**

You will be expected to explain the three components of the Triangle Trade route.

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The Triangular Trade Route

Effects of the Atlantic Slave Trade

- **Ripped families asunder.**
- **Deprived many regions of their strongest and healthiest workers and warriors.**
- **Warfare increased in Africa** as one tribe sought to capture another tribe's people to sell to the traders.
- **Many cultures were eclipsed.**
- **What was the effect on Europeans? How would “owning” another human being effect someone?**

Closing Question

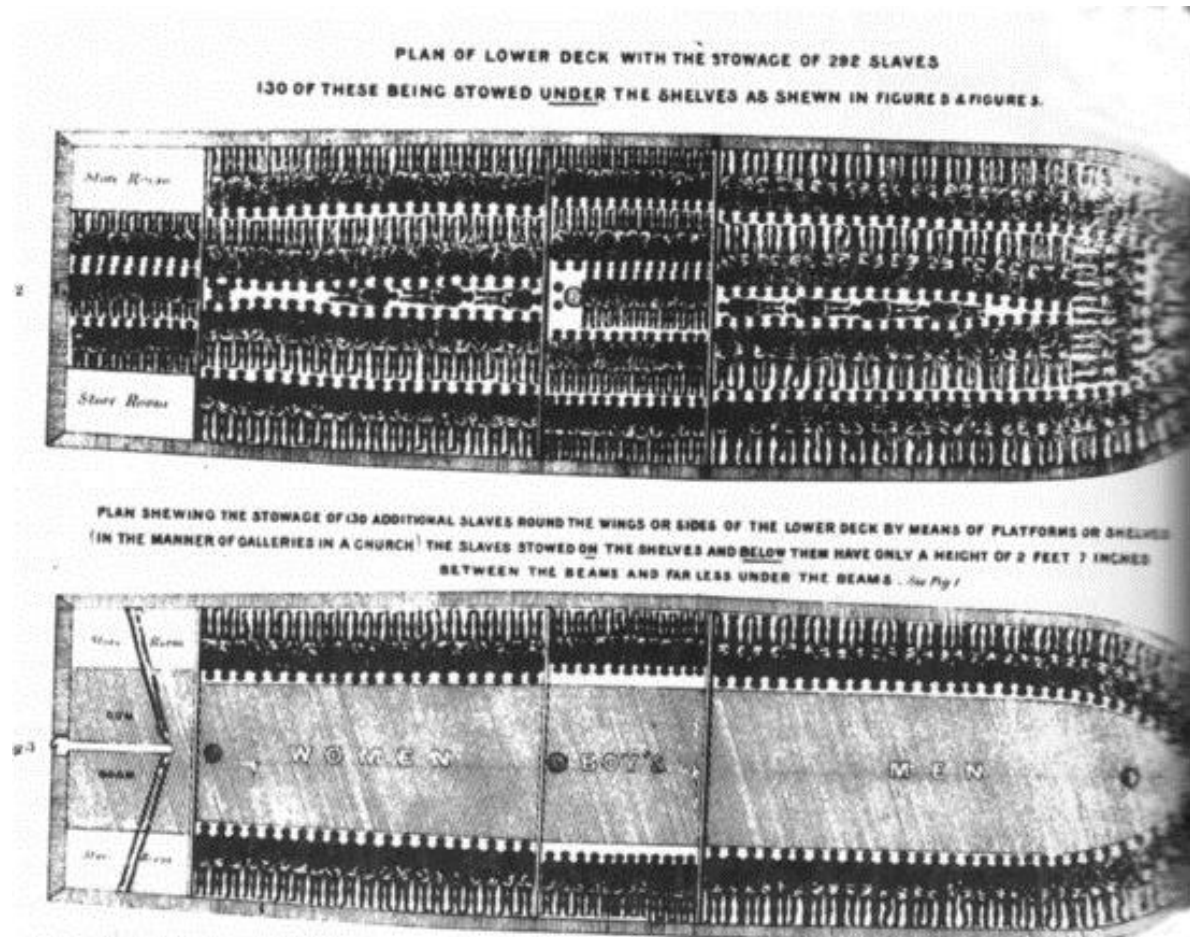
- How did epidemics among the Native American populations contribute to an increase in the trade of enslaved Africans?

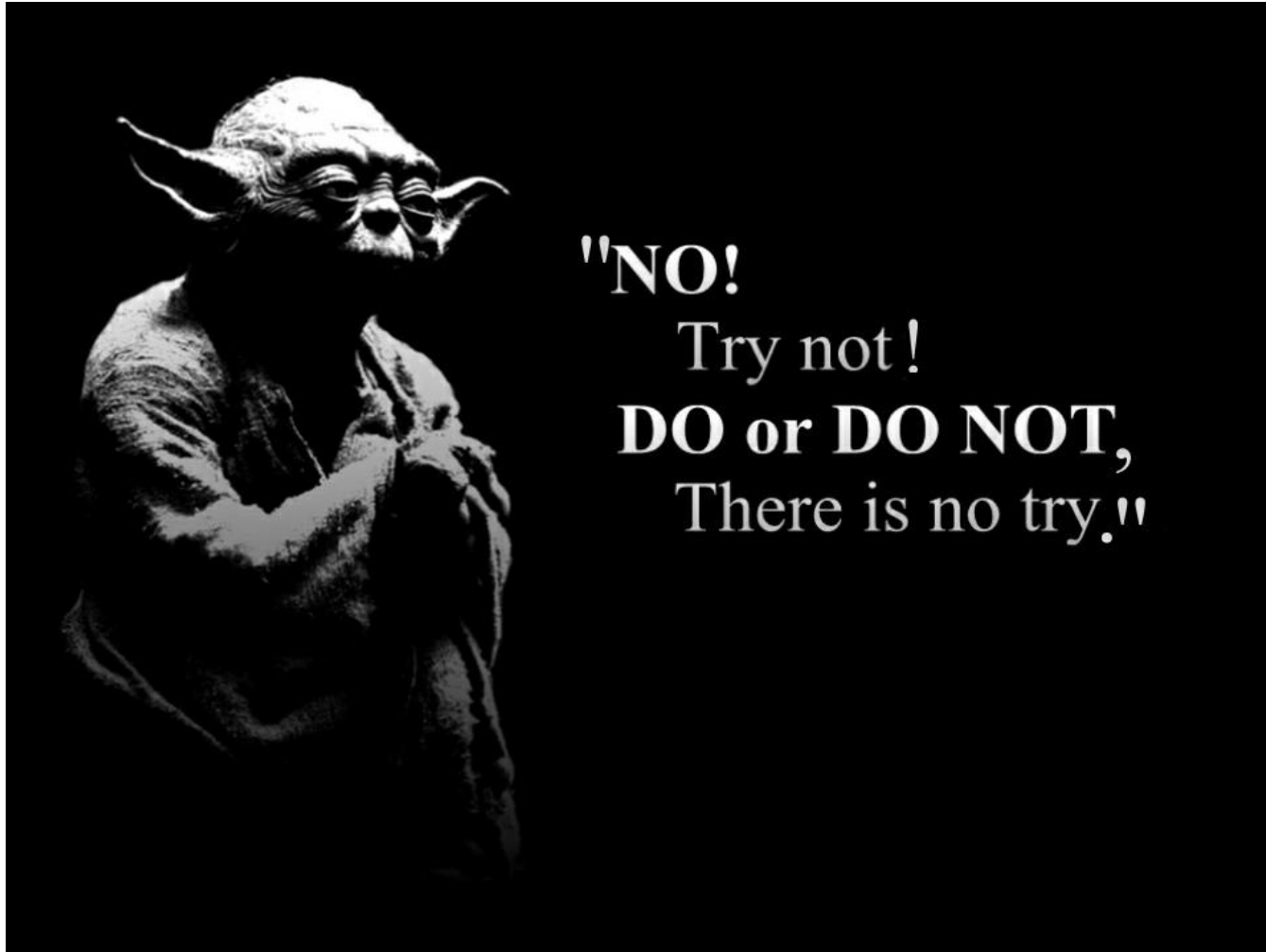
Looking back...



A slaves journey from Africa to the Americas became known as _____.

the Middle Passage





"NO!

Try not!

DO or DO NOT,
There is no try.!"