

# Brittany kyle: atlantic slave trade assignment

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The Atlantic slave trade began in the 16th century. The Portuguese were the first people to really help the slave trade flourish. The slave trade became part of a system called the triangular trade system. It was a continuous cycle of trade between the old world, Africa, and the new world. The old world brought manufactured goods to Africa which were traded for slaves. The slaves traveled on tightly packed slave ships across the middle passage, or Atlantic Ocean, to the new world where there they would force the slaves to farm and harvest cash crops such as tobacco and sugar cane to send back to the old world to repeat the cycle.

This lasted until the early 19th century. When the slaves arrived in the new world, they were usually sent to places in the Caribbean and to Brazil and south America. Many colonies began to flourish because of all the free labor. With all the help from the slaves, they were able to produce so much for almost nothing. Slavery helped with mercantilism, or the sending of products and money back to the mother country. According to the article, Ghana wants to model after Israel to encourage its descendants to return to their country and to think of Africa as their homeland.

Thefts trying to bring the descendants of the enslaved that were brought to Africa back to see where they really from and to learn about the legacy that is their history. A problem though is that the people that currently live in Africa treat them the same way as white tourists. The term "bruin," or "white foreigner," is applied regardless of skin color. This poses a problem because while people want to be able to go explore the deep rooted history in Ghana, they might be pushed away from it all or scared due to the

prejudice. It is hard for someone to be called White when they're infant black ND just trying to seek their roots in Africa.

While many people have visited Ghana such as Opera and Malcolm X, many have not. Some are too bothered by the cruelty that happened there though. When you go to Ghana, you can see the Cape Coast slave castles. Slave castles were holding places for slaves. There were holding places for slaves. There was a Christian chapel and a room that the slaves were auctioned off in. Then, there was a long, black hall that led to the boat. The slave castles were the last time they saw Ghana. To see the slave castles and to know that that is what their ancestors came from is overwhelming for some people.

When the United States and the United Nations gave Ghana money to rehabilitate and restore Cape Coast castle, the government agency responsible for the castle repainted it white. Residents of Cape Coast were thrilled to see the moisture-blackened castle spruced up, but African-Americans living in Ghana were horrified, feeling that the history of their ancestors was being, quite literally, whitewashed. To attempt to compensate for the cruelty that happened to many of the African American's ancestors, the United States government created operations.

Reparations included being able to check a box on your college application to get a certain number of points added to your application or being able to apply for an African American only scholarship. Affirmative actions were created during the presidency of JEFF. They were attempts to stop discrimination. Reparations and affirmative actions are a pretty old debate. While it's definitely good to remember the tragedy of slavery, reparations is

singling out one race and allowing them to have advantages over the other races simply because of what happened hundreds of years ago.

With all due respect, basically none of the African Americans that were involved in the slave trade most likely are not alive anymore. They are the ones that deserve the compensation. The third generation of grandchildren do not. The grandchildren had no part of it. By using reparations, a person of African American descent could potentially get into a college instead of someone with a higher GPA simply because they had an extra 20 points simply because of their skin color. That is what affirmative actions is against. Affirmative actions strives for equality.