

The Slave System

Chapter 12, Section 3

As you read Pgs 386--391, answer the following questions. Use the back side if you need more space to write.

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1. If most white southern families were not slaveholders, why was it so important to keep slavery legal?
2. On a Plantation or farm, where did most slaves work?
3. Who were drivers and what role did they play with the slaves?
4. How did a gang-labor system work?
5. What were the slave's working hours? (from when to when)
6. How old did slaves start doing the same work as adults?

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7. For slaves that worked in the planter's home, what was better compared to the fields?
8. What was worse for them?
9. How could a slave earn money to buy their freedom?
10. What was the most common method of selling slaves and how did this method separate slave families?
11. Explain the following conditions for most slaves:
Cabins:
Clothing:

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12. How did slaves try to express their personality and improve their food rations?
13. What were some of the typical punishments if slaves did not obey their owners?
14. What were the slave codes? Give 2 examples
15. What were folktales and spirituals?

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16. List two ways slaves would resist slaveholders' attempts to control them completely.
17. What would happen if a slave tried to gain freedom by escaping to The North and was discovered?
18. How often did slave revolts happen?
19. What did Nat Turner do?

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20. What happened to Nat Turner in the end?