

Slavery true or false quiz

- 1 About 50 per cent of slaves sent to the New World were children.
(False: only about 14 per cent of slaves sent to the New World were children under 14; 56 per cent were male adults; and 30 per cent were female adults.)
- 2 The transatlantic slave trade lasted for 200 years.
(False: it lasted for 300 years)
- 3 A male slave had only nine inches (23 cm) of width space on a slave ship. (True: he had to lie on his side with only 2' 7" (78 cm) of headroom)
- 4 The 1807 parliamentary act abolished slavery.
(False: The 1807 Act abolished the slave trade which meant that slaves could no longer be taken from Africa to America, Caribbean etc. The 1833 Act abolished the state of slavery itself in the British colonies.)
- 5 There are an estimated 246 million child labourers in the world
(True – according to the International Labour Organisation)
- 6 Slavery was finally abolished in United States' territories in 1865.
(True)
- 7 By the 1730s Britain was the largest European slave-trading nation.
(True)
- 8 £20 million was paid to plantation owners and to freed slaves when slavery was abolished in the Caribbean.
(False: the £20 million pounds went to the plantation owners while the freed slaves received nothing.)
- 9 Approximately 80 per cent of the people trafficked in the world today are women and girls, and up to 50 per cent are minors.
(True)
- 10 There is only one form of slavery today.
(False: all these could be considered as slavery today: bonded labour, forced labour, slavery by descent, human trafficking and child labour.)
- 11 The slave ships' voyage from Britain to Africa could take anything from four weeks to over two months depending on the weather, size of the ship and route taken.
(True)
- 12 In some countries, children as young as 11 are forced to join the army and fight.
(True: children as young as 11 are forced into the army in some countries, for example Burma and Sierra Leone.)