



PRIMER QUESTIONS FOR DARK HERITAGE WORKSHOPS

The DARK workshops have been thoroughly tested on children in school and we have found that in order to gain the most from the workshops, it is important to spend some time with your class discussing some of the background to the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

The following questions are designed therefore as a starting point for your pre-visit work.

1. What is a slave?
2. What was the Slave Triangle? Who was involved?
3. What goods were transported from one country to another in the Slave Triangle?
4. What kind of ship would have been used? Who owned these ships?
5. When did the Transatlantic Slave Trade start/end? How long did it last?
6. Why did people want to buy and sell other human beings?
7. What were the people doing before they became enslaved Africans?
8. Who captured the enslaved Africans?
9. Who sold the people into slavery?
10. Some of the ships' crew members were press-ganged – what does this entail?
11. What was the role of the crew members?
12. What was life aboard a Slave Ship like?
13. What sort of conditions were the enslaved Africans kept in? What effect did these conditions have on them?
14. Where were the enslaved Africans sold when they got to America or the Caribbean?
15. What kinds of people bought the enslaved Africans?
16. What kind of work did the enslaved Africans do when they were bought?
17. Did the slaves ever escape and where did they go?
18. Could enslaved Africans earn their freedom?
19. Does slavery exist today?