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REVEALING HISTOVICS REMEMBERING SLAVERY

Museum trail and exhibition

This trail is part of a collaborative project commemorating the abolition of the British slave trade in 1807. Eight Greater Manchester museums and galleries have been researching and exploring the impact, and legacy, of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade on the region.

At each stop on the trail you will find a special label highlighted with a question. The trail aims to provoke a debate on this important subject and you are encouraged to respond using the feedback wall in the Link Bridge exhibition or one of our "Tell Us What You Think" comments boards. We will be including visitors' comments in other Revealing Histories displays and activities throughout the year.

FLOOR ONE

Living Cultures gallery
Why is Sierra Leone important?
Whose voice is heard?
Why are these objects in the Museum?

Ancient Egypt gallery
Were the Ancient Egyptians Black?

Link Bridge

Display of objects from Museum stores

FLOOR TWO

Money gallery
Who made the money?
Who broke the chains?

Mediterranean gallery
Is slavery ancient history?
Were the Nubians a slave people?

These connections show that all our lives are inter-twined however far apart we are in time or space. Attitudes and opportunities today are still shaped by events that took place centuries ago.

Revealing Histories reminds us of the depths to which humanity can sink and warns us to be vigilant in the future.

Find out more

If you would like to explore the theme, here are some resources that might help you:

Adam Hochschild, Bury the Chains

Simon Schama, Rough Crossings

Martin Hoyles, The Axe Laid to the Root

Robert Harms, The Diligent - A Voyage through the World of the Slave Trade

Laurence Levine, Black Culture, Black Consciousness

Eric Williams, Capitalism and Slavery

Martin Bernal, Black Athena: The Afroasiatic Roots of Classical Civilization: the Archaeological and Documentary Evidence (1992)

Mary Lefkowitz, Not Out of Africa (1996)

Black Athena Revisited (1996) edited by Mary Lefkowitz and Guy Rogers

Christine Hatt, 2007, Slavery from Africa to the Americas

Tom Manghan, The Slave Trade

www.revealinghistories.org.uk

Freedom www.nmm.ac.uk/collections/education/slavery

Understanding Slavery www.understandingslavery.com

Breaking the Silence www.unesco.org/education/educprog/asp/tst/

www.antislavery.org

Africa Action www.africaaction.org/campaign_new/debt.php

Abolitionists www.africanhertour.org/story/conductors/html

Frederick Douglas in Manchester www.docsouth.unc.edu/douglass/support9html

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