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This painting—by S. Hutchinson—depicts slave-trading in action. Currently maintained by the National Maritime Museum (in London, England), this watercolor - c. 1793 - is entitled "Slave Traffic."

After the collapse of the Roman Empire, systematic slavery was virtually non-existent until it was <u>reintroduced</u> as <u>a source</u> of labor for the "<u>New World</u>." The story of how African men, women <u>and children</u> were first <u>captured</u>, then shipped out as slaves for the colonial world, is appalling. Thanks to the Library of Congress, we can view surviving drawings and pictures of those disturbing times.

• People, kidnapped from their <u>west African villages</u> by white slavers and <u>black traitors</u>, were targeted for <u>bondage</u> overseas.

- After they were captured, soon-to-be slaves were marched from their homes to the African coast.
- Iron masks, collars, leg shackles and spurs restricted the movements of kidnapped people.
- Historians believe more than ten million Africans were <u>captured</u> and sent to the Americas as slaves.

What they endured aboard ship, as they sailed to the Americas, was no less horrific:

• Captured Africans, <u>crammed</u> into ships, suffered a <u>difficult</u> Atlantic crossing.

• Captain John Kimber, whip in hand, watched as a slave-ship sailor suspended a 15-year-old <u>African girl</u> by her ankle.

Arriving in an unfamiliar country, where people did not speak their language, captured Africans were bought and sold at auction. Such was expected in the world of <u>chattel slavery</u>.

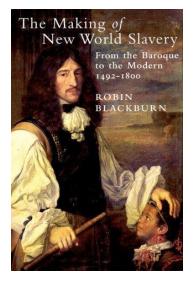
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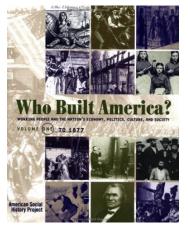
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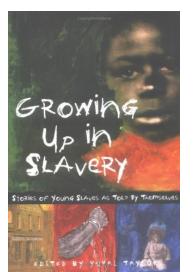






THE FIRST TWO CENTURIES OF SLAVERY IN NORTH AMERICA





Making of New World Slavery - by Robin Blackburn

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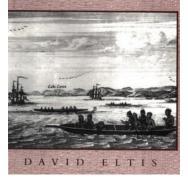
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The Rise of African Slavery in the Americas











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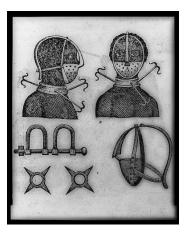
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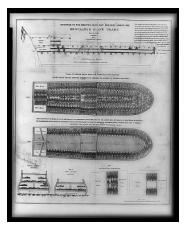
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