

8.9 Chapter Summary

In this chapter, you read about slavery from the point of view of West Africans. You used a map of the slave trade to learn about the dilemmas that West Africans faced. On the map, you tracked how slave traders moved Africans west toward slavery in North America.

In the first part of the slave journey, West Africans were captured and sent to the coast of Africa. In the second part, they struggled to survive the horrible journey across the Atlantic Ocean. That voyage was known as the Middle Passage. Finally, the newly arrived Africans responded in different ways to their lives as slaves in America.

In the next chapter, you will “tour” the city of Williamsburg to learn about what daily life was like for African American and white colonists. How was colonial life like your life today? How was it different? Read on to find out.

Slaves reacted to life on the plantation in different ways. Some tried to run away. Some resisted by breaking tools or working slowly. Many, like those shown here, worked hard in hopes of getting special treatment.

