

The African American slave quiz

Sociology 225

True or False?

- 1) Africans were the only racial or ethnic group who were enslaved throughout the history of this nation.
- 2) The majority of the millions of slaves that were brought to the “New World” from Africa between 1500 and 1820 were sold somewhere in North America.
- 3) It was a well-established myth in the US by 1850 that Africans made ideal plantation slaves because they had docile personalities.
- 4) Most Southern slaves, when asked by curious Northerners, said that their own slave owners were kind and good men.
- 5) The fact that slaves sang so much proved that they were generally happy.
- 6) The majority of the increase in the slave population prior to 1860 was the result of the slave master impregnating slave women.
- 7) Slave owners had much to fear in terms of slave rebellions and they often took precautions to protect against this fear.
- 8) The “underground railroad” was itself a myth and very few of the estimated 100,000 escaped slaves that utilized it as a venue of escape ever had the luxury of riding on any kind of train.
- 9) Once a slave was manumitted (set free of slavery), the newly emancipated slave (i.e., the freeman) acquired full US citizenship rights.
- 10) The country that took the leading role in the abolition of slavery all around the globe during the 19th Century was England.