

Civil War: Slavery

Reading A: Eric Foner, "The Peculiar Institution" pg 3-24

IB Objectives:

- Describe the conditions of enslavement.
- Describe ways slaves adapted and resisted.
- Understand the relationship between the cotton economy and slavery.

Our discussion will focus on the IB objectives above. In order to be able to address them, please focus on the following topics in your reading. . .

- Origins of the slave system
- Slavery in the western hemisphere
- Early notions of race
- Slavery in the North vs South
- Evolution of slavery: colonial period -> antebellum period
- Slavery as a heterogeneous institution
- Economic & political power of slavery
- Legislation
- Traditions
- Culture
- Family
- Role of domestic slave trade
- Gender roles