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INTRODUCTION

The transatlantic slave trade is largely responsible for bringing to the Americas enslaved Africans. The slave trade is said to have drawn between ten and twenty million Africans from their homeland, with approximately six hundred thousand coming to Jamaica (one of the largest importer of slaves at the time) between 1533 and 1807.

Referred to as the triangular trade, it involved three points, Europe, Africa and the West Indies and represented a complex financial business at its peak in the 18th century. The cruel and inhumane conditions experienced by the Africans from their initial capture, their journey along the middle passage and enslavement in the West Indies demanded that the slave trade be abolished and slaves be freed.

After much agitation by anti-slavery individuals and groups in and outside of the Caribbean, as well as passive and active resistance by the Maroons as well as the enslaved, the Slave Trade Abolition Bill was passed in the British House of Lords on the 25th of March 1807.

The bicentenary of the abolition of the slave trade (2007), in the British West Indies is being recognized in Jamaica and other regions. In acknowledgment of this year as an important historical event, the National Library of Jamaica has compiled a select bibliography of materials available on this subject in its collections. The National Library of Jamaica holds a number of materials on the slave trade, dating as far back as 1671 and publications from each century thereafter.

The slave trade has been the subject of extensive scholarship; confronting issues such as the number of Africans transported to the Americas and the social, economic and political effects of the trade. These studies are available in a variety of formats such as manuscripts, books, newspaper articles and CD-ROMs. In addition to analytical studies of the slave trade, there are also descriptive materials including narratives by those directly involved such as freed persons, slave traders and observers.
This bibliography is divided into categories according to the type of material, as follows:

- Books and Pamphlets
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Each item is arranged by title, author, publisher and year of publication along with the Dewey Decimal Classification number assigned. There are a few newly acquired items uncatalogued at the time of compilation and therefore do not have a classification number.

This bibliography is intended for the use of students, researchers, teachers, librarians and any interested reader.
## CHRONOLOGY OF THE SLAVE TRADE

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<td>1441</td>
<td>Portuguese sailors take the first shipload of Africans to Europe as slaves.</td>
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<td>1444</td>
<td>First large group of enslaved Africans brought to Europe.</td>
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<td>1482</td>
<td>Elmina Castle (one of the most known slave trading forts in West Africa) built by the Portuguese; first European fort built on the Gold Coast.</td>
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<td>1498</td>
<td>Columbus takes black slaves to Hispaniola.</td>
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<td>1502</td>
<td>First record of an African slave in the New World.</td>
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<td>1510</td>
<td>King Ferdinand authorizes the shipment of a group of Africans to Santo Domingo, thus beginning systematic importation of slaves into the New World.</td>
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<td>1517</td>
<td>First importation of Africans to Jamaica.</td>
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<td>1518</td>
<td>First black cargo direct from Africa arrives in the West Indies.</td>
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<td>1562</td>
<td>Sir John Hawkins sets out on his first slaving voyage.</td>
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<td>1607</td>
<td>The Dutch West India Company is established and dominates early slave trade to the Americas.</td>
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<td>1619</td>
<td>The first black slaves are shipped to the English Colony of Jamestown, Virginia.</td>
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<td>1621</td>
<td>The Dutch West India Company granted monopoly over the Dutch African slave trade.</td>
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<td>1637</td>
<td>Elmina Castle is captured by the Dutch who kept it for the next two centuries.</td>
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1663  King Charles II sets up the Company of Royal Adventures to trade with Africa.

1672  King Charles II forms the Royal African Company to control the English slave trade after the Company of Royal Adventures ran into debt problems.

1698  Act passes, which ends the Royal African Company monopoly.

1759  The abolitionist, William Wilberforce, is born.

1760  Thomas Clarkson, the abolitionist, is born.

1770s  Abolitionist Granville Sharpe dedicates his time to collecting evidence against slavery.

1772  The Mansfield Judgement frees English slaves.

1783  An abolition bill is debated on moral grounds in the House of Commons but fails to get majority support.

1787  The Society for the Abolition of the Slave Trade is formed in London.

1788  William Pitt orders investigation of the slave trade.

First debates on the British slave trade in parliament.

1789  William Wilberforce delivers his first abolition speech in parliament.

1791  Wilberforce makes motion in the House of Commons to introduce an abolition bill but is unsuccessful.

1791-1792  Second Maroon War in Jamaica.

1791-1804  Haitians revolt against slavery and the trade in humans, which effectively inspires and increases the abolition cause.
1792  House of Commons votes in favour of the abolition of the slave trade but the bill is rejected by the House of Lords.

Denmark becomes the first country to pass a law abolishing the slave trade.

1793-1802  French Revolutionary Wars between Britain and France effectively delays the abolition campaign.

1794  France passes initial laws abolishing slave trade.

Legislation is passed by US Congress to prevent US vessels being used in the slave trade.

1796  House of Commons decides to end the British slave trade but the passing of an abolition bill is delayed.

1804  Haiti achieves its independence and becomes the first free nation in the Caribbean.

Haiti’s new government upholds the abolition of slavery.

1806  Britain bans the sale of slaves to foreign colonies.

1807  Abolition Bill passed in the British House of Lords in March and becomes a law in May.

US ban the slave trade, to take effect the following year.

Britain declares Sierra Leone a Crown Colony.

1814  Holland passes law abolishing slave trade.

1816  Easter Rebellion in Barbados

1818  France outlaws the slave trade.

1820  Spain abolishes the slave trade.
1823 Demerara revolt in Guyana, gives impetus to the abolition movement.

1831-32 Christmas rebellions in St. James, Jamaica, led by Samuel Sharpe gives momentum to the anti-slavery movement.

1834 Britain abolishes slavery in the British Empire.
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SLAVERY – AUCTION AND TRADE

Advertisement for slave auction.  
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Advertisements on slavery from West Indian newspaper end of the 18th century.

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African dealers selling slaves to whites on Guinea Coast. 15 / 4 / 85
Notes: African dealers selling slaves to whites on Guinea Coast. The recumbent Negro (centre) is being examined by a purchaser. The woman (left centre) has been bought and is being branded.

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Bartering on the Niger.
T. Moll (Capt. Mockler – Ferryman)

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A distressing parting between parent and child.
No negative.

Group of Negroes as imported to be sold as slaves.

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Liverpool, which owed most of its prosperity to the slave trade.
Source: Fight against Slavery – Evan Jones

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Negroes being thrown overboard to avoid a British patrol ship.
Notes: Negroes being thrown overboard to avoid a British patrol ship after the abolition of the slave trade.

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Negro captives being forced on a slave boat.

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Negroes captured in Africa.

Negroes captured in Africa to be sent to other countries as slaves.
Notes: Those who collapsed from hunger; sickness or exhaustion and who could not be whipped or goaded into continuing were abandoned to the vultures and wild animals. At the trading station they were sold to the white dealers, or the Arab traders in northern Africa, and then they were branded before being put aboard on a slave ship.

Receipt for Slaves.

Remarks on the method of procuring slaves.

Copied by J. Blake

Slaves being rowed to ships waiting off the coast of Africa.
Copied by J. Nicholson – 9 / 89
Notes: Slaves being rowed to ships waiting off the coast of Africa. (Courtesy of Harvard University, Peabody Museum.)

Slaves chained and yoked on way to the trading station.
Notes: Tribal prisoner of war, a malefactor of the community or a victim of slave raiders, the slave was chained or yoked with his neck in the cleft of a forked branch and marched to the trading stations on the coast.

Slaves from the interior of Africa dying of diseases on reaching the Coast.
Notes: 20 slaves being marched from the African interior to the coast often died from disease or attacks from wild beast. Some committed suicide by eating earth.

Sold into Slavery.
The Slave Trade.
Notes: The slave trade: mezzotint by John Raphael Smith after George Morland.

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Forts of the European powers in Africa from which slave trade was conducted in the 17th century.
Notes: The treaties gave the RAC more land to raid for slaves. Slave raids upon African villages were secret, swift and murderous.

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SLAVERY - SHIPS

Slaves on the deck of the Bark “Wildfire”
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Notes: “Walking skeletons covered over with a piece of tanned leather.”
Slaves on the deck of the Bark Wildfire captured and brought into Key West, April 30, 1860. (Engraved from a daguerreotype and published in Harper’s Weekly.)

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The Spanish Schooner Josefa Maracayera.
From: MS 193 - Solicity for the relief of Negro slaves.

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SLAVERY - PUNISHMENT AND TORTURE

Branding of slaves
Notes: when slaves are purchased by the dealers they are generally marked on the breast with a red-hot iron.

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Husband and wife are separated being sold to different purchasers.
London: Dauton, Harvey and Co.
Notes: Husband and wife, being sold to different purchasers violently separated – probably never to see each other anymore.

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Spanish Galleons.

Stowage of the British slave ship “Brookes” under the regulated slave trade.

Act of 1788.

Notes: The “Brookes” after the regulation Act of 1788, was allowed to carry 454 slaves. She could stow this number by following the rule adopted in this plate namely of allowing a space of 6ft by 1ft 4inch to each man, 5ft 10inch by 1ft 4inch to each woman and 5ft by 1ft 2inch to each boy but so much space as this was seldom allowed even after the regulation act.

It was proved by the confession of the slave Merchant that before the above Act the Brookes had at one time carried as many as 609 Slaves. This was done by taking some out of irons and locking them spoon wise to use the technical term that is by stowing one within the distended legs of the other.

Lithographer J. Arrowsmith.

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