**Unit 4: 4.1 Solomon Northup - *12 Years a Slave***

Go to [this website of the Library of Congress](http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/list/picamer/paSlavery.html), [**http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/list/picamer/paSlavery.html**](http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/list/picamer/paSlavery.html) . Look for old prints depicting *slavery*. Here is an example of a slave auction: [‘A slave auction at the south.’](http://loc.gov/pictures/resource/cph.3a06254/)

* What is ‘an auction’?
* What can you see in this image?
* What is happening to the people?
* How do the people being auctioned feel?

**Visit** [**this website of The National Museum of American History**](http://americanhistory.si.edu/treasures/slavery)**,** <https://americanhistory.si.edu/treasures/slavery>**, to learn more about slavery. Find answers to the questions below. Words to check: *crop*, *plantation*, *citizen*, *rights*, *abolition*.**

* When was the earliest record of slaves in America?
* What was the definition of ‘a slave’?
* What did the American Constitution’s Thirteenth Amendment in 1865 say?
* What crops were mainly grown on southern plantations?
* What was ‘a slave tag’?
* Search the Internet for information on the [Emancipation Proclamation](http://americanhistory.si.edu/changing-america-emancipation-proclamation-1863-and-march-washington-1963/1863) of 1863.
* Who was Abraham Lincoln?

You can watch [the film trailer of the film *12 Years a Slave*on the IMDB website](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2024544/), [**https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2024544/**](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2024544/), and answer these questions.

* What was Solomon’s job?
* Where did he live?
* How big was his family?
* Where was he kidnapped?
* When was he kidnapped?

Go to the website of the Smithsonian Magazine, [**https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/new-york-times-1853-coverage-solomon-northup-hero-12-years-slave-180949944/?no-ist**](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/new-york-times-1853-coverage-solomon-northup-hero-12-years-slave-180949944/?no-ist), and look at the images in the article [“The New York Times’ 1853 Coverage of Solomon Northup, the Hero of “12 Years A Slave”](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/new-york-times-1853-coverage-solomon-northup-hero-12-years-slave-180949944/?no-ist).  Find answers to the following questions:

* What is the full subtitle of *Twelve Years a Slave*?
* When did Solomon become a free man?
* What does the original newspaper article say about him? When was it published?

**3 What is the ‘triangular slave trade’?**

Go to [this website of BBC History Bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/history/industrial_era/the_slave_trade/revision/2/), [**https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/zy7fr82/revision/1**](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/zy7fr82/revision/1)and study the concept of the triangular slave trade. What does it mean? Study the maps and explain the route of the trade.