Western Powers

The two Western/European powers that were most responsible for the slave trade were Britain and Portugal. They alone accounted for 70% of all africans transported to the Americas. Britain abolished slavery in 1833, France abolished it in Portugal in 1761, Spain in 1873, The United States in 1865. From 1855-1868 a majority of african countries abolished slavery, but in 1923 that slavery was fully abolished and recognized.





Gender

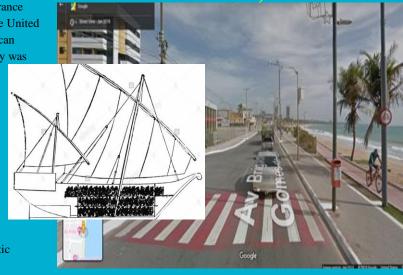
When thinking about gender during the Transatlantic slave trade you often think about men being the dominant sex transported across the ocean. Not only men but women and children were sent to America. The Caribbean Islands, and South America to work on sugar plantations and any other short life expectancy



Detrimental Tears

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For our museum we chose to design it as a walkthrough of a ship used during the Transatlantic trade. Through research we were able to understand how slaves on the ship were treated. We were able to understand that slaves were confined to small spaces while linked together with others during voyages. With this we were able to gather ideas on the layout of our museum. First we chose to put a set of metal chains in the museum to give a sense of how slaves had to be transported. As you walk through you will see what it was like for a slave to be living on the ship. In part of the museum we will have small boxes where someone can sit down and get a feel of how slaves were confined to space while aboard the ship. While sitting there will be a pair of headphones to put on so you will be able to hear the sound of the ocean and other voices.

Age

For age the most common range of age transported were girls and boys. Looking through the database most ships had a higher percentage of children than men and women. For the majority of ships girls were at a higher percentage of being transported, the second most were boys. After boys came women, than men being the least percent transported. The majority of ships were transporting women and children while men were transported less..



Place

I chose Brazil because a lot of slaves were brought over there. Brazil had bought over 100,000 slaves(embarked and disembarked). In Brazil, I choose the state of Alagoas, city of Maceio. I want to place the museum on the street of 327 AV. Brigadeiro Eduardo Gomes de Brito because it a empty space and it near the ocean. The space is near two resorts so it will be great for tourists that visiting the resort to visit the museum and actually know the background of Brazil. A place near the ocean is historic because a lot of slaves were put on boats for days just to be brought to Brazil.