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1. Equiano noticed that the languages of different nations did not differ, nor were they so copious as those of the Europeans, particularly the English. They were therefore easily learned, while he was journeying through Africa, he acquired two or three different tongues. All the nations and people he had passed through resembled their own in their manners, customs and language. He came across a country that their inhabitant were different from others, the people did not circumcise , and ate without washing their hands and they cooked also in iron pots, and had European cutlasses and cross bows which was unknown to them and fought with their fists among themselves.

Equiano first impressions of the Europeans is that they are people with bad spirits, and that they were going to kill him. He saw that their complexion differs from theirs, had long hair and spoke different language.

2. Equiano saw slavery to be filled with horrors of every kind. He noticed that the Europeans were nominal Christians who believe in God. He therefore turns to the Bible to argue against slavery by saying that they have learned from their God “who says unto the men to do unto all men as they would want men to do unto them. The European Cultural images is that they were Christians and Equiano expected them to practice what they believe.