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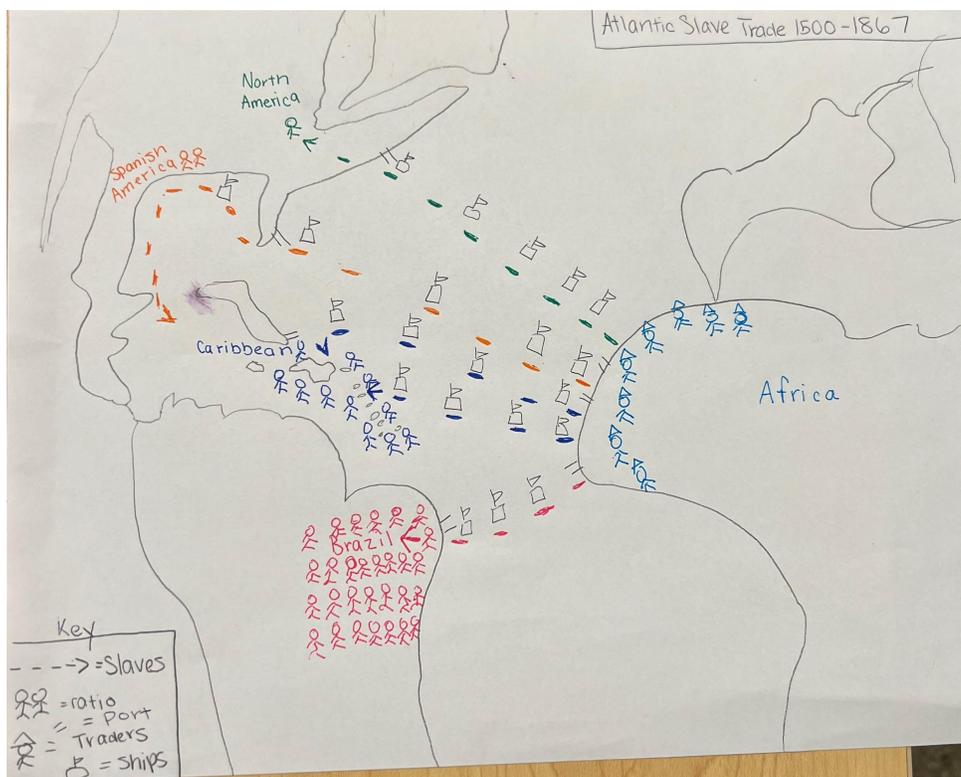
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Frame Your World: Human Global Commodities Exchanged

A critical commodity exchanged on the Agrarian network was Humans in the form of slave labor. This is a result of labor shortages that would take place in hierarchies which would directly impact the labor freedoms of subjects. Hierarchies are where this would take place and you would see domestic slaves such as household servants, and commercial slaves such as agricultural workers.



Human commodities were in surplus in many West African societies; this was because it was seen as an incentive by kings to obtain slaves to boost popularity and status. As a result, there became more slaves than these West African Societies needed so slaves spread to the Islamic World. In fact, the first slaves were brought over to Portugal by Henry the Navigator's Ship; where they were employed as domestic slaves. The demand for more labor grew upon the development of Sugarcane, but indigenous people of the Caribbean began dying out from illness which caused labor shortages; which further opened the door for slavery. From this trade in African slaves grew dramatically, as African sellers would sell slaves for economic gain. The slaves were then packed tight on ships and shipped out as cargo to parts of the Caribbean and the Americas to work various plantations.

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