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Based on the reading and research, a similar act happened in West Africa. Different sects/groups decided to enslave other groups for economic and political reasons. A set of groups took over and labeled them as outsiders to gain power, "recruit them to their religious beliefs and perhaps grow their family group. They based these enslaved people on debts or any other legal issues that some of them had. Many factors contributed to the new construction of slavery. The population had increased more than in any other place. Many of the societies at the time were slaves. It seemed like the Caribbean and the colonial south of North America and Brazil were gold mine for enslaved people because of the plantation agriculture in these places. Many took advantage and enslaved these people and had them work for them.

American slave populations were dehumanized intensively. Chapter 17 states that "slaves were intentionally excluded from the cultural frame of their rulers, as this justified harsher exploitation of their labor." Enslaved Americans were looked down upon and treated as if they were of no importance. The mistreatment and negligence towards enslaved Americans led to high death rates and the need to continuously bring in more enslaved people as if they were a replacement (it's how they were treated.)

We do see remnants of this in the 21st century. Different races are treated differently. There is no such thing as equal treatment in America. We also see that your skin color will give you opportunities or, in some cases, even exclude you from opportunities. Furthermore, in organizations/companies, the hierarchy plays an essential factor. Sometimes even crimes are more punishable depending on one's skin color. History will never erase itself; it may be eradicated- but sure enough, remnants are still seen in the 21st century.