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Chapter 17: Slavery and Race

What was the image of slavery before 1500?
There were different images of slavery before the 1500's depending on the type of slave you were based on gender roles and status.   For instance, if you were a tutor you would tutor elite status children. If you were a slave that took care of the cultivating, then you were considered an ignorant slave. If you were gingered haired and or dark color skin you were then fractioned into that category based on your skin, etc.

What factors contributed to a new construction of slavery?
According to the textbook on page 537, it states that the factor that contributed to the reconstruction of slavery was, first the increase of slave trade, a significant percentage from North America to Portuguese Brazil and in the Caribbean. Secondly, due to the high rate in deaths in slaves which created a high rate in importing slaves for labor and lastly the separatism based on race and racial blending.

Why & how were American slave populations dehumanized?
Due to the high rate in population of slaves the royal government separated the slaves based on social order, and with brutality to have control.

The new racial construct that emerged in the colonial south society and the Caribbean that it was crucial for the divide to be racial.
They did not want the salves/workers to threaten the social economy power of elites so they constructed different image based not on economy but on race. On page 538 paragraph four it states, "the idea of race as an essential difference between human being had to be substituted for the idea that culture was what divided people."

Do you see remnants of this in 21st century America? Explain.
Although slavery does not exist due to the Civil War in 1861 through 1865 put an end to slavery. However, what I do believe is that there is still inequality based on race, gender and educational status.

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