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1. Equiano notices a couple of things about people from different cultures. He notes that these people did not practice circumcision; they ate without washing their hands; cooked in iron pots; and held European crossbows. I assume he encountered some Vikings. His first impression was that their long hair and strange language were quite different from what he had seen previously.
2. Equiano appeals to European's cultural images of themselves by using Christianity. He says "O, ye nominal Christians! Might not an African ask you, learned you this from your God, who says unto you, Do unto men as you would men do unto you?" in quite a sarcastic tone. Throughout his narrative, he points out how cruel in nature the act of slavery really is. He even states that as soon as he got on the slave ship, he would've rather be a slave in his native country than be subjected to what his eyes were witnessing. He points out that the separation of families is a new refinement of cruelty, making slavery even worse than it could already be.