

This week, instead of following the "Frame it Yourself" in the textbook, we will concentrate on the section of your text, Slavery & Race starting on page 536. The results of American slavery and identity tragically still remain with us today & there are opposing viewpoints as to how this history should be addressed in our society. Re-read this section on pages 536 - 540 then address the following questions:

What was the image of slavery before 1500?

slavery had appeared as a regular part of complex hierarchies.

What factors contributed to a new construction of slavery?

The rising scale of slavery, racial composition, and the high death rate of slaves which brought a high need of slaves in the workforce.

Why & how were American slave populations dehumanized?

Because slave populations were 90 percent of most islands they had to start controlling a potentially explosive labor force. New plantation economies were created which made up of substantial numbers of African slaves, but also considerable numbers of poor Europeans

Define the new racial construct which emerged, especially in colonial southern society & the Caribbean, and the justification behind it.

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Do you see remnants of this in 21st century America? Explain.

No, because slavery continued to grow during the 21st century. (???????????)