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Week 4

1- What was the image of slavery before 1500?

Before the 1500 slavery was a part of everyday society and was “ a regular part of complex hierarchies” (pg536). Slaves worked to pay off debt and some were held captive from war. Slaves were also used to educate Elites.

2- What factors contributed to a new construction of slavery?

During the transatlantic slave trade we see a change in construct of slavery. One of these reasons we see a change is due to the demand for slave labor. We also see the use of religion and the dehumanization of slaves in America.

3-Why & how were American slaves population dehumanized?

Slaves in America worked on plantations and in harsher conditions. Slaves were also excluded from the cultural frames of those who ruled them (pg537).

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

The Caribbean construct of slavery changed due to the large populations of slaves on the island. With a booming number of slaves, came harsher treatment of them, due to a social divide.

5- Do you see remnants of this in 21st century America?

Although slavery has been abolished for hundreds of years, I do believe many people live and work in slave-like conditions.