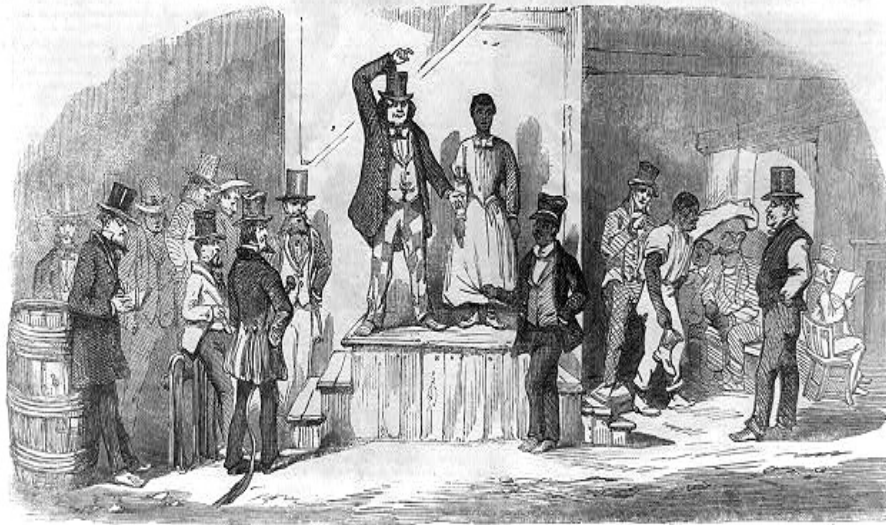


Slave Auction

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SLAVE AUCTION AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

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A slave is a person that is forced to do labor without pay. Slaves had no rights as citizens and many times when they were bought and sold at slave auctions they were separated from their families. Slavery began in the 1600's in Jamestown Virginia where slave labor was mainly used on tobacco plantations. Slavery continued in the United States until 1865. The slaves were shipped from Africa through the triangular trade. Although foreign slave trade was abolished in 1808, America continued to use slaves for the work force on large plantations in the South until after the Civil War.

Guiding Questions for Discussion:

What do you see in the picture?

What year do you think this occurred?

Where do you think this happened?

Why did slavery cause tension between the northern states and the southern states?