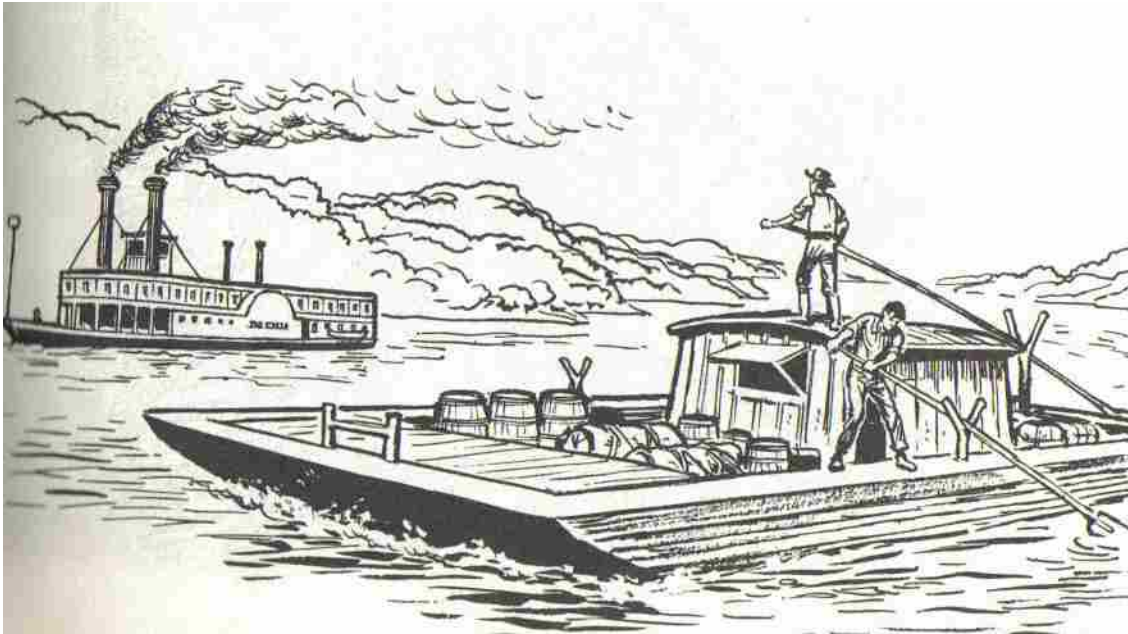


Witnessing a Slave Auction



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Once while ferrying a trip to New Orleans, Lincoln witnessed a slave auction. The experience upset teen age Lincoln and he was quoted that day for saying,

1. "Slavery ran an iron into me then and there"
2. "If ever I get a chance to hit that thing (slavery), I'll hit it hard"
3. On March 17, 1865, he reported to the Indiana 14th Regiment, "Whenever I hear anyone arguing over slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally."

What do you think were some of the feelings Abraham Lincoln had when he witnessed the slave auction?

Which of the above quotes expresses Abraham Lincoln's feelings about slavery the most? Explain.

What do you think the three Lincoln quotes are saying about him as a man in 1860?

Do you think most people in 1860 agreed or disagreed with Abraham Lincoln's views on slavery? Explain your response.