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The transatlantic slave trade was the largest forced migration of people in history. Between 1650 and 1860 more than 12 million Africans were transported from Western Africa to the Americas. The USA was just a marginal place of slave trade compared to Brazil and the Caribbean. Slave trade in numbers (Image: slaveryfight.over-blog). Triangular trade. Triangular trade existed between Europe, Africa, and the Americas. Due to being triangle-shaped the trading model was named a triangular trade. Triangular trade consisted of three stages: Stage 1: From Europe to Africa. Lasting from the 1500s to the 1800s, the Atlantic slave trade was a crime against humanity of extraordinary proportions, leaving a huge mark on four continents and irreversibly changing world history and geopolitics. The direct and indirect effects of the slave trade are inextricably linked to the nature of modern Africa, Europe, North America, and South America. Slavery and slave trading were well established in Africa long before the Portuguese ships arrived off the West African coast. Raiding for slaves was a feature of West African life. It is estimated that between one-third and two-thirds of the population of some West African kingdoms were slaves. Modern scholars think that the main reason for the prevalence of African slavery was under-population, caused by the many deadly tropical diseases common in this region. This under-population meant that free farmers could move to new, underpopulated areas quite easily. The 18th century saw the Atlantic slave trade reach its peak. Europeans were growing wealthier during the century, and more people could afford sugar. Indeed, the taste for sweet foods increased greatly at this time. The Atlantic slave trade or trans-atlantic slave trade took place across the Atlantic ocean from the 16th through to the 19th centuries. Written by Editorial Team 25/08/2015. 13 comments. Slavery was practiced in some parts of Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas before the beginning of the Atlantic slave trade. There is evidence that enslaved people from some African states were exported to other states in Africa, Europe and Asia prior to the European colonization of the Americas. The African slave trade provided a large number of slaves to Europeans. The Atlantic slave trade was not the only slave trade from Africa, although it was the largest in volume and intensity.