

16.1 Child slavery cards

1 Europe or Africa? Past or present?

"The conditions on board ship were intolerable. We were packed into the hold of the ship and the heat of the climate was suffocating. There was scarcely room to turn and the perspiration meant that it became difficult to breath. Many of the slaves became sick and some died. The shrieking of women and groans of the dying were painful."

2 Europe or Africa? Past or present?

"I paid Mr John Hutt 112 for two men and 200 for one boy and three girls. The new Negroes were soon branded with my mark TT on the right shoulder."

3 Europe or Africa? Past or present?

"My parents died when I was four and I was forced to live with my alcoholic aunt. I hated it, so when friends suggested going to the city I decided to try it. It wasn't what I was expecting, I tried to earn money by sweeping and mopping floors but sometimes other children stole my food. The police often moved me on from where I slept at night."

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"I'm 11 and work in a pit. I'm a trapper, I open and close the doors providing ventilation for the miners. It's cold, dark and damp work. Some days I start work at 4am and don't finish until 4 in the afternoon. I wish I could go to school."

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"I'm 11 years old and work in the fields, some days I get so wet that I have to take off my shoes and pour the water out. There is no shelter from the rain. I blame my master for my sore bones. I have to walk with a crutch now because my knee is so bad."

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"My life was normal before I was trafficked at the age of 15. My friend was offered a summer job in London and I decided to go too. At the airport we were met by some men who handed money to the guy who'd travelled with me. To my horror I realised I'd been sold. I was taken to a city by the man who bought me. He raped me then took me to a brothel and said I had to have sex with customers. I was too terrified to refuse. One of the other girls working there said 'Don't think about trying to escape, wherever you run they will find you.' I worked in the brothel for several months before I escaped. Clients could see that I was distressed but none of them ever offered to help. I'm trying to rebuild my life. But what they did has changed me forever."

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'I was sold by my mother for the equivalent of two months salary for a local teacher. My family believed that they had been given the chance to be an apprentice, learning the trade from my fishing master. Fortunately I have a fair master but other children I have seen are beaten.'

16.1 Slavery cards (answers)

1 Africa, 1789



Adapted from Olaudah Equiano's autobiography of 1789. Equiano, (born c. 1745), was kidnapped from Nigeria and forced into slavery. He wrote about his experiences in his autobiography in 1789 and British law makers were influenced by his experiences and in 1807 the Slave Trade act was passed.

For more information:

http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ism/slavery/middle_passage/olaudah_equiano.aspx

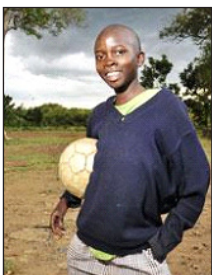
2 Europe in the past

This came from an account written on 7th December 1761 by Thomas Thistlewood, a plantation owner. He came to Jamaica from Lincolnshire, England, in 1750.

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<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ism/slavery>

3 Africa in the present



Fred from Kenya went to the Comic Relief funded HOVIC centre to see a famous Kenyan musician. After the concert, a project worker approached Fred and explained that they could help. Fred started coming to the centre where he was given medical health checks, meals, counselling and the chance to go to school. On the

streets, he'd seen other children going to school and had desperately wanted to learn too. Fred had informal training at the centre and is now sponsored to go to boarding school. He wants to be a footballer, but he says whatever happens, one thing's for sure – "I'll never go back to life on the streets."

For more information: http://www.rednoseday.com/change_lives/who_you_help/story_4

4 Europe in the past



This story was based on a story of a boy that lived in Britain in 1842. There were a variety of jobs done by children in Britain during Queen Victoria's reign. Children worked from the age

of 5 for 12 hours a day. They worked down mines, in mills, on the streets and on farms. They were paid very low wages and worked in dirty and dangerous conditions. Life started to change for children under these laws:

- **1841** No child under 10 was allowed to work under ground
- **1868** No child under 8 was to be employed in a gang of farm workers
- **1874** No child under 10 was allowed to work in a factory
- **1875** It became illegal to send boys up chimneys

For more information: <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Homework/victorians/children/working.htm>

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5 Europe in the past

Poor families who lived in the countryside in Victorian Britain were forced to send their children out to work. Seven and eight year olds could work as bird scarers, out in the fields from four in the morning until seven at night. Older ones worked in gangs as casual labourers. Victorian society believed that they had the right to send their children to work. Lord Shaftesbury and Sir Robert Peel worked hard to persuade the public that it was wrong for children to suffer health problems and to miss out on schooling due to work.

For more information:

<http://www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk/time/victorian/vindust.html>

6 Europe in the present



Danielle is 18 and from Lithuania. £3500 was handed over, and the city she was taken to was Birmingham.

For more information:

www.panos.co.uk

7 Africa in the present



This 12-year-old boy, Mawulehawe from Ghana, was sold by his mother to a fishing "master" for £25.

Mawulehawe's family believe he has been given an apprenticeship.

For more information:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/this_world/6458377.stm