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Yes ma	s. Influenced by the Enlightenment, many Patriots intained that the revolution could be justified only if
	nericans rid their country of slavery. (Sean R. Busick)
	. The American Revolution protected slavery and ensured
	continuation, enabling Southerners to fashion the most
	roughgoing slave society in the New World.
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Christi	anitus Did Christianitu provide an affective defense
	anity: Did Christianity provide an effective defense slavery?
	s. Proslavery theorists used the Bible to support their
	sition that slavery was ordained by God, arguing that the
	aelites, God's Chosen People, had owned slaves, that
	sus never denounced slavery, and that St. Paul
	monished slaves to obey their masters.
	ark G. Malvasi)
No	. Slavery violated the spirit of Christianity; opponents
of s	slavery believed that it was wrong because it prevented
ma	ster and slave alike from living virtuous, moral, and
Ch	ristian lives. (S. D. Black)

Complicity: Did Africans willingly collaborate in the transatlantic				
slave trade?				
Yes. The traffic in slaves had existed in Africa for centuries before the arrival of Europeans, and it took little adjustment				
to sell captives to European rather than African or Arab				
traders. (Meg Greene)				
No. Many African leaders resisted the transatlantic slave				
trade because of the destructive impact it had on their				
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development, and technological innovation.  (Mark G. Malvasi)				
No. Slavery was a viable economic institution that generated				
substantial rates of return for slaveholders.				
(Carey Roberts)				
Emancipation: Did emancipation improve the conditions of				
former slaves in the United States?				
Yes. Freedom offered African Americans the opportunity to				
improve their lot, although immediate political, economic,				
and social improvements were limited.				
(Mark G. Malvasi)				
No. Despite having escaped slavery, African Americans still faced racial prejudice and legal discrimination; the promise				
offered by emancipation faded when blacks, impoverished,				
illiterate, and disadvantaged, experienced continuing				
exploitation in the labor market. (Chester J. Wynne)				
English Colonies: Were the conditions of slavery worse in the				
English colonies than in the Spanish and Portuguese				
colonies?				
Yes. Unlike Spanish and Portuguese statutes, English law deprived the slaves of all rights, rendering them utterly subject				
to the will of the masters. (Mark G. Malvasi)				
No. Slaves in the Spanish and Portuguese colonies were				
treated with barbaric cruelty, especially in rural areas, and laws				
enacted to protect them were ineffective				
and unenforceable. (Meg Greene)				
Free Society: Did proslavery theorists in the United States offer				
a cogent critique of free society?				
that free society in the North was an experiment that had failed;				
they concluded that some form of bound labor would have to				
be reimposed to maintain social and economic order.				
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Health: Were the slaves in the United States in good health?				
Yes. The United States had the only slave population in the Western Hemisphere to increase by reproduction. That ability				
suggests the slaves were generally in good health and that the				
masters provided at least the essentials in diet, housing,				
clothing, and medical care. (Sean R. Busick)				
No. Despite their ability to reproduce, the slaves were				
generally in poor health and received inconsistent medical				
care. Slaves suffered from chronic aliments; harsh labor conditions, poor sanitation, and nutritional deficiencies				
conditions, poor sanitation, and nutitional deliciencies				

combined to produce high mortality rates. (Martina Nicholas)80
House Servants: Did the house servants, slave drivers, and other
privileged slaves in the United States collaborate with the slaveholding regime?
Yes. From the beginning of slavery in the New World, some slaves occupied positions of influence, authority, and privilege; these persons served the master's interests at the expense of their fellow slaves. (Mark G. Malvasi)
No. House servants, drivers, and other privileged slaves emerged as authority figures on their plantations and were often instrumental in inspiring, organizing, and leading slave rebellions when the opportunity arose to do so.  (Jacob W. Fox)
Legal Definition: Were slaves legally regarded as human beings in the United States?
Yes. Slaves were legally defined as human beings who owed labor and obedience to their owners. The reference to slaves as "property" commonly alluded to a legal claim on their labor, not fundamentally different from the claim that an employer had on the labor of an indentured servant or a free worker.  (Paula Stathakis)
No. Slave laws did not consistently define slaves as human beings; slaves were a form of property that could be sold, transferred, or inherited. (Sherman Greene)99
Maroon Communities: Were maroon communities an effective means of resistance to slavery?
Yes. Maroon settlements throughout the New World gave slaves an opportunity to reclaim their freedom; by provoking desertions and rebellions, maroons had a destructive impact on slavery. (Meg Greene)
No. Although concerned with the welfare of bondmen and bondwomen, maroons generally accepted the legitimacy of slavery and frequently held slaves themselves.  (Mark G. Malvasi)
Master-Slave Relations: Was the relationship between masters and slaves characterized by cruelty?
Yes. Relations between masters and slaves were of necessity based on harsh discipline, punishment, and degradation.  (Paula Stathakis)
No. Paternalism defined relations between masters and slaves.  Although paternalism grew out of the need for discipline, slaves used the paternalist ethos to insist that the masters live up to their obligations to care for them and to recognize their humanity. (Meg Greene)
Means of Resistance: Did slaves effectively resist their enslavement?
Yes. Slaves were troublesome property; they ran away, stole, slowed the pace of work, broke tools or pretended not to know how to use them, abused farm animals, and on occasion resorted to arson and murder to resist their masters' power. (Mark G. Malvasi)
No. Running away, stealing, arson, murder, and other acts of resistance disrupted the plantation routine, but they did nothing to challenge or weaken the master's power and frequently incited retribution. (Paula Stathakis)
Middle Passage: Did the treatment of slaves during the Middle Passage produce excessively high mortality rates?

	Yes. In the 350-year history of the slave trade, an estimated 1.8 million slaves died on the Middle Passage.
	(Meg Greene)
i	No. Although the Middle Passage had an initial high mortality rate for slaves and transporters alike, it steadily declined
	pecause traders and ship captains undertook measures to
	maintain the health of their slaves and to achieve maximum profits. (Mark G. Malvasi)
	Culture: Did the slaves develop a new culture under slavery?
1	Yes. Through a long, slow, uneven process, Africans transformed themselves into African Americans and created
á	a distinctive culture that was an amalgam of African, European, and American customs, beliefs, and practices.  (Meg Greene)
1	No. Forcibly detached from their homeland and kinship networks, set down in a strange environment, surrounded by
,	an alien and hostile people, and herded together with other  Africans with whom they had little or nothing in common, slaves  nad neither the means nor the opportunity to form a distinctive
	African American culture. (Martina Nicholas)142
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ı	Yes. Many intellectuals and statesmen in Europe and the United States believed that the existence of slavery compromised, if not destroyed, the promise of the New
1	World to revitalize and purify civilization and humanity. (Meg Greene)
1	No. Slavery was essential to the economic success of the New World, which was a basic element of the promise
,	America offered. (Mark G. Malvasi)
	ome of Rebellions: Were slave rebellions effective in the struggle for abolition?
1	Yes. Slave rebellions plagued virtually every slaveholding regime, pressuring authorities to reevaluate their position
1	on slavery. ( <i>Mark G. Malvasi</i> )
	pppression of, the slaves. (Chester J. Wynne)
	Iliar Institution: Was slavery in the Western Hemisphere a peculiar institution?
(	Yes. Modern slavery was a peculiar institution, having largely disappeared from Europe in the centuries before it was reintroduced into the New World. The revitalization of slavery violated custom and law.
i	(Mark G. Malvasi)
	eliminated other forms of bound labor remained. (Meg Greene)
Profi	tts: Was slavery profitable?
1	for the slaveholding planters and those connected with the slave trade. (Carey Roberts)
1	No. Slavery caused extensive structural weaknesses in the economies of all slaveholding regimes that retarded
	economic development. (Mark Thornton and Mark A. Yanochik)

Racis	sm: Did slavery result from racism?
١	es. Europeans justified the enslavement of Africans, and
a	argued for the perpetuity of slavery, because they believed
	placks were innately inferior to whites.
	Keith Krawczynski)
	No. European prejudice against blacks developed long before
	slavery and continued long after it was abolished.  **Rick Kaat**
	ion of Liberation: Did conversion to Christianity improve the
	ives of the slaves?
	/es. Christianity was among the slaves' most important
	veapons in resisting the dehumanization inherent in slavery.
	(Meg Greene)
	No. Although Christianity comforted the slaves and served as
	a defense against their brutalization, it significantly muted the
i	mpulse toward rebellion. ( <i>Mark G. Malvasi</i> )
•	rations: Should the descendants of the slaves receive
	eparations from the United States government?194
	es. Slavery was a gross violation of human rights, and justice
	demands that the descendants of the slaves be compensated
	or the exploitation of their ancestors. (Margaret Barnes)195
	No. Compensation for the injustice of slavery might have been due to the slaves themselves, but the descendants of the
	slaves, who did not themselves endure bondage,
	are due nothing. ( <i>Mark G. Malvasi</i> )
	hm of Work: Did slaves control the rhythm and pace of
_	heir work?
`	Yes. For all the tendencies toward modern work discipline,
	plantation labor remained bound to the rhythms of nature
	and traditional ideas of time and work. The slaves worked hard,
	but they resisted the regularity and routine of work characteristic
	of industrial capitalism. (Sean R. Busick)
	No. The planters of the South and elsewhere regulated the abor of their slaves according to the discipline of the clock,
	and in the process created a time-based form of plantation
	capitalism that emphasized order and efficiency in the
	management of slave labor. ( <i>Rick Kaat</i> )
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	Yes. The Haitian Revolution not only freed the slaves on
	Saint Domingue but also established the first independent
	African American nation and began the process by which
	placks in the Western Hemisphere acquired the rights of citizenship. ( <i>Meg Greene</i> )
	No. After gaining their freedom, the former slaves of Haiti
	exchanged white masters for black and mulatto masters,
	and Haiti sunk into poverty and corruption.
	(S. D. Black)
Sexu	al Expliotation: Did masters generally countenance the
	sexual exploitation of slave women?
	Yes. The slaveholders' sexual exploitation of slave women
	destroyed the pretense of benevolent and harmonious relations
	petween masters and slaves and revealed that the masters'
	egal power over them was absolute. ( <i>Martina Nicholas</i> )
	No. Many Southerners deplored the sexual vulnerability of slave women and lamented the inadequate legal protection
	afforded them. (Ophelia V. Little)
	erhood: Did a sense of sisterhood develop between slave
	and slaveholding women?
	Yes. White slaveholding women and black slave women
	developed a sense of solidarity, however truncated, in the

	race of common patriarchai oppression.
	(Martina Nicholas)
	No. The status, privileges, and wealth of slaveholding women
	rested on the ownership of slaves, a circumstance that
	precluded the emergence of solidarity with black
	slave women. (Meg Greene)
	e Rebellion: Were the prospects of slave rebellions less
	threatening in North America than in Latin America and
	the Caribbean?231
	Yes. Slave uprisings in North America were infrequent because
	geographical and demographic conditions limited the
	possibilities of rebellions. (Meg Greene)
	No. Although slave insurrections might have been more difficult
	to stage in the United States than elsewhere, the fear of such
	uprisings constantly plagued the white community.
	(Mark G. Malvasi)
Slav	eholders: Were the slaveholders capitalists?
	Yes. Driven by the profit motive, the slaveholders of the
	Old South developed a distinctive brand of agrarian capitalism.
	(Mark G. Malvasi)240
	No. The economic choices, social values, political
	commitments, and moral convictions of slaveholders became
	increasingly estranged from, and hostile to, the
	capitalist ethos. ( <i>Meg Greene</i> )
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	Yes. With the slave trade racism became rigidly defined in
	custom and law. ( <i>Mark G. Malvasi</i> )
	No. Slavery followed from racism and reinforced existing
	perceptions of blacks' racial inferiority. Racism both preexisted
	and survived slavery. (Meg Greene)
	al Development: Did slavery have a lasting effect on the
	viability of the African American community?
	Yes. Under slavery white paternalism undermined blacks'
	solidarity, and white racism destroyed their self-worth and
	reinforced their dependence. Once slavery ended, blacks
	passed these feelings of inferiority on to their descendants,
	sustaining the effects of racial oppression.
	(Mark G. Malvasi)
	No. The slaves displayed impressive solidarity in resisting the
	power of their masters. That spirit, which sustained them in
	freedom, enabled them to overcome racism and to fashion
	a vibrant culture. (Jacob W. Fox)
	le Marriages: Did slaves establish stable marriages
	and families?
	Yes. With varying degrees of enthusiasm and good faith,
	the slaveholders encouraged their slaves to establish stable
	marriages and families, and the slaves frequently
	did so. ( <i>Meg Greene</i> )
	No. Slave marriages and families were inherently fragile
	because neither rested on solid institutional and legal
	foundations. ( <i>Martina Nicholas</i> )
	ioundations. (Wartina Nicholas)
	and and a Ohama Wards Marchael and the characteristics of
	satlantic Slave Trade: Was the transatlantic slave
	trade profitable?
	Yes. Whether controlled by local traders or foreign
	monopolies, the Atlantic slave trade brought tremendous
	profits for both European merchants
	and African intermediaries. (Mark G. Malvasi)
	No. By the late eighteenth century the costs of the slave trade
	combined with the high mortality rate of the cargo made the
	Atlantic slave trade unprofitable. (Meg Greene)

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U.S. Civil War: Did slavery cause the Civil War? Yes. Slavery was the essential issue that divided the South from the North. ( <i>Mark G. Malvasi</i> )	
No. Slavery was only one cause of the Civil War; a variety of political, economic, social, and cultural factors contributed to the conflict. (Carey M. Roberts)	
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