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Colonization & the 13 Colonies

Unit 1A

Roots Questions & Main Ideas

Chapter 3.2

The goal of watching Roots is to get a well researched representation of the Atlantic Slave Trade, the attitudes of Europeans towards Africans, and a look at the differences in culture between the two groups. While watching the excerpt from the movie, answer the following questions. The questions are grouped according to the main idea they support. Therefore, answer each question with its respective main idea in mind.

- 1) Answer each numbered question. Give specific examples of words or events from the movie.
- 2) Use the answers to your numbered questions to explain the main ideas, again include specifics from the movie.

Main Idea #1: European attitude towards West Africans.

1) How does MR. SLATER describe the people of West Africa?

2) How does MR. SLATER feel about Africans?

3) What are CAPTAIN DAVIES feelings about Africans?

4) How do DAVIES' and SLATER's opinions on the Africans differ?

Describe the attitude of the Europeans towards West Africans.

Main Idea #2: Evaluate the slave trade, from both sides.

5) What are CAPTAIN DAVIES' feelings about the slave trade?

6) What are MR. (JOHN) CARRINGTON's feelings towards the "cargo?"

7) How did the colonies benefit from this trade?

8) How did the slave trade hurt West African Society?

Explain the difference between Captain Davies' and Mr. Carrington's view of the slave trade.