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The triangular trade was a new type of trade originated in the XVI century and used by some of the most developed countries of Europe (Great Britain, France, Portugal) that consisted of trading with slaves. It had three phases; first in Europe, some big ships that were able to transport a good amount of slaves start off a travel to the coast of Africa with some local raw materials. Then, in Africa they changed the raw materials for slaves. Finally, they carried the slaves to America, where they were forced to work at very poor conditions in mines and other places. The cycle finished with the delivery of the products taken by the slaves. In the image we can see the travel the ships had to do during the trade.



The slaves were at very poor conditions. They were kidnapped by rich people of Africa and then, sold to the European ships comandants, where they had to stay in groups of over 400 slaves per boat during months. A lot of them died before reaching America. Once they were in America, the slaves were sold in an auction to the best seller and they had to work for him for the rest of their lives. They had any right.

In a document that dates from 1797 we can see a list of 54 slaves with a total Price £500,000 today. In the list we can see that for each person they put the name, the age, what he or she is good at and the Price, for example; “Castile, 45, cook and washerwoman, £60”. With this you can have an idea of what was the Price of the slaves in Great Britain.

Nowadays the slavery is also present, in the black market people can buy slaves without problem. Also, the developed countries are exploiting people in the not developed countries by making them work a lot of hours for a miserable amount of money.

(This is not part of the work) I had find a report in which El padre Alonso de Sandoval wrote that the slaves (during the transportation to America) had to go in groups of

six chained by rings in the neck and the knees. They had to go in the boat deck without seeing the sun. There was a very big risk of having a disease. They ate just once every day and they were hit continuously. <http://www.mgar.net/var/trata.htm>

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