

INVISIBLE SLAVERY



KEY STAGE 2

Modern Day Slavery Lesson Plan

How did slavery become such a big part of our lives? How did we allow it to become something we started to accept? This lesson helps children understand that they are a very important part of the fight against modern day slavery. It introduces via history how slavery adapted over the years and what it looks like today.

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Lesson Goal

For pupils to create a piece of work helping to explain modern day slavery in the UK. Slavery often occurs 'behind closed doors'. To be able to explain to someone else what modern day slavery is and what to look out for in their community.

Objectives

- 1) Learn definition of modern day slavery
- 2) Pupils can recall important dates of slavery in history
- 3) Pupils will understand that **sometimes** modern day slavery can be hidden away from the public eye

Super Starter

Consider how much pupils know about slavery already. Emphasise that slaves do not choose to do the work that they do. Pupils may know about the slave trade in the USA & UK.

Whole Class Activity

Use the timeline to look at points in history that slavery was used and the ways it occurred. The starter will look at how slavery was made illegal in all countries. At each timeline point use reference notes from the teacher cheat sheet. Have a discussion with the pupils at each point so that they really understand the importance of slavery.

Pupils can fill in their own timelines too using the blank version of the timeline.

Whole Class Activity

As a class consider why you may be learning about slavery if it was made illegal. Refer to the final point on the timeline; that slavery can happen today but has been hidden away from the public for a long time. No one knew about it, allowing criminals to take advantage of many vulnerable people.

Write on the board a list of signs for the pupils to look out for **today**. Slavery that happens today is called Modern Day Slavery. Invite the class to read out the signs of 'hidden' modern day slavery. Could these be things they might see in their communities?

- Slaves may not be allowed to leave the house (unless for more work.)
- They may work every day, all hours, sometimes 24 hours a day
- They may not be allowed to look after themselves. (e.g. not allowed showers or clean clothes.)
- Signs of physical harm
- They may have their identity documents (passport) taken away
- Back entrances of shops may appear much dirtier than the front (where the public sees)
- Fearful of the police or authorities
- Slaves are sometimes unaware they are slaves

<p>Individual Activity</p>	<p>The individual activity is for pupils to create a visual representation of how modern day slavery is within our own high streets whilst still being hard to spot.</p> <p>Provide pupils with a cut out of a town, city or 'make your own'.</p> <p>Pupils cut out all the black areas and can decorate/colour in the white areas. The grey tab will be stuck down into their books.</p> <p>Behind this flap they should copy down the signs of modern day slavery that were on the board. Higher ability students can write paragraphs about what might be 'behind closed doors' in modern day slavery.</p> <p>Below their row of shops/houses, in their books, pupils will write a poem about those who may be trapped in modern day slavery.</p>
<p>Whole Class Activity</p>	<p>Pupils can read out their poetry to the rest of the class.</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Recap information and remind pupils that there are people in modern day slavery who we may not see. It is not as visible as when slavery existed in 1807. This means that it is harder to spot them and help them.</p>
<p>Conclusions</p>	<p>Conclude the lesson with the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slavery has happened around the world throughout history • The Slave Trade became illegal in the UK in 1807. • Modern Day Slavery happens today in the UK • Those held in modern day slavery are still people, who need our help • We can protect ourselves from modern day slavery by looking out for the signs we wrote in our books. • Sometimes modern day slaves are not allowed out of the house so they can't ask for help, but there are signs we can look out for to help them.

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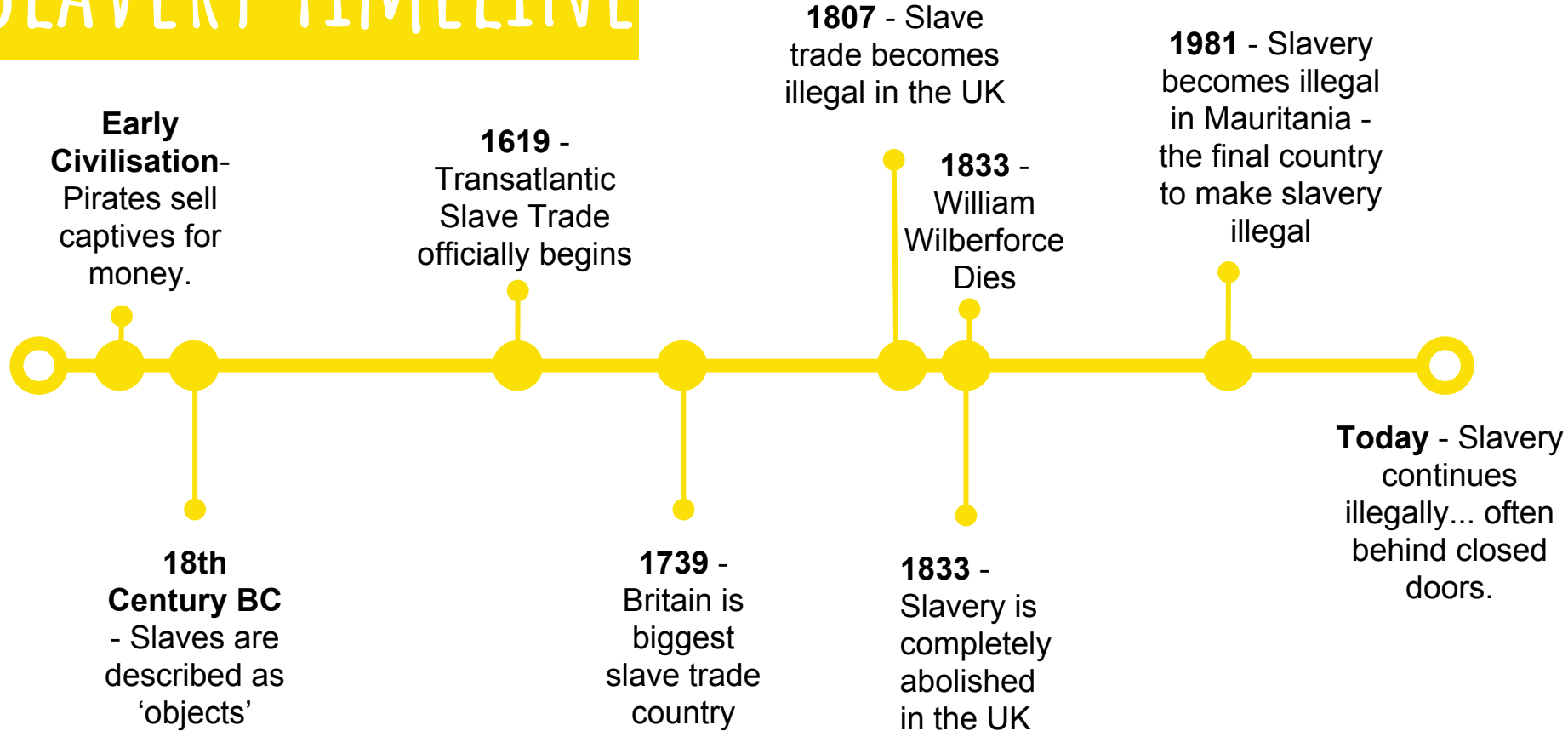
A good resource to follow up this lesson with (*or use after the starter*) is a video of how slavery started in America - and why slave owners decided it was economically better to use slaves from Africa and take away their human rights.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUfJCh7Rd_Q

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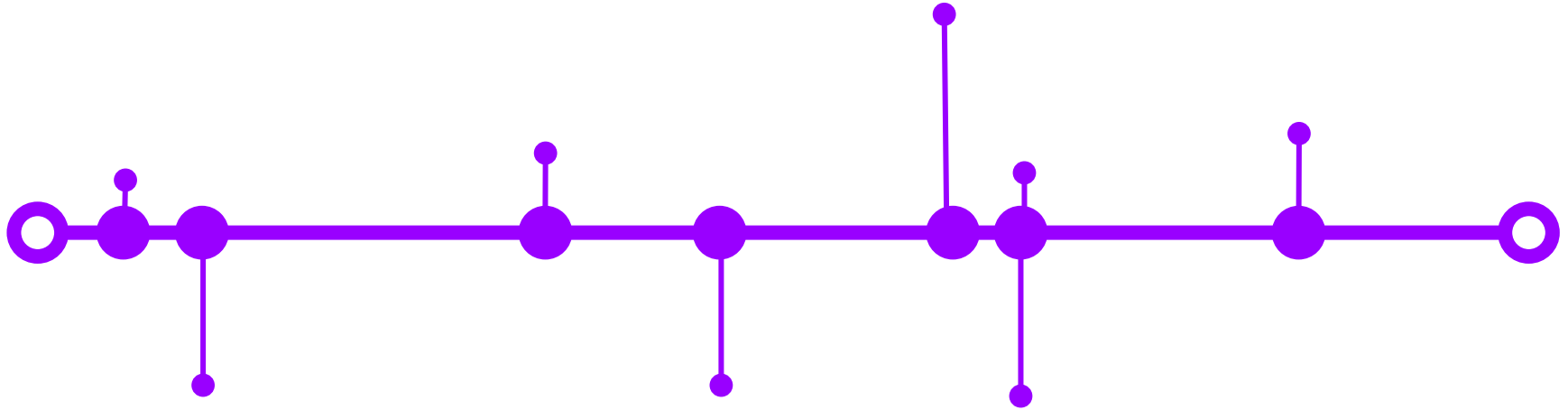
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This timeline looks at some potential slavery dates that are important, your class may want to look in more detail at dates such as the Egyptians* and Romans.

Slavery has manifested in many ways over the years but still should be stopped. Humans are all equal with equal rights, many worked hard to stop slavery and it is now banned!

*Some Egyptologists dispute whether those who built the Pyramids were slaves at all!

Early Civilisation - Pirates sell captives for money. It was not uncommon for pirates to attack other ships, taking captives for money or selling them into slavery - working as ship crewmen or even for private masters doing housework.

18th Century BC - Slaves are described as 'objects'

1619 - Transatlantic Slave Trade officially begins. This was the buying and selling of slaves from countries in Africa. Slaves would be transported to America and Europe via boats and sold. Many worked in plantations (large farms) or as domestic workers. Their children would be born into slavery.

1739 - Britain is biggest slave trade country. Many people consider America as the main country that used slaves however many European countries did the same. In 1739 Britain was the country which imported the most slaves.

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1807 - The slave trade became illegal in the UK.

1833 - Slavery was completely abolished in the UK and throughout the British Empire. From this point onwards, it became illegal both to trade and own slaves.

1833 - William Wilberforce died just three days after hearing that the Slavery Abolition Act would be passed. It was officially put into practice in August, 1834.

1981 - Slavery became illegal in Mauritania in 1981, making it the final country to make slavery illegal. However it wasn't until 2007 that the government passed a law allowing slaveholders to be prosecuted.

Today - Slavery continues illegally, often behind closed doors. A hidden crime, it can take many forms and can affect people all over the world. There are no countries without slavery in the world today. The reason it became so big was because no one knew it was happening, nor what to do if they saw it.

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