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Slave Life and Labor

1. *Describe the living conditions for rural slaves. Was there a difference in these conditions for urban slaves?*
2. *Describe the daily life for rural slaves.*
3. *Describe the division of labor among the different age groups.*
4. *Describe the relationship between the master and his slave(s).*

Slave Culture and Resistance

1. *Why did slave culture change after 1808?*
2. *In what ways did slaves create and maintain their culture and heritage?*

3. *What role did Christianity play in the lives of slaves?*
4. *Why were spirituals important in the lives of slaves?*
5. *Was it acceptable in southern society for white men to have a sexual relationship with a female slave?*
6. *Why do you think slave owners separated (usually through trade) married slaves or slave families?*
7. *In what ways to did slave resist?*