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The Making of the Black Atlantic: Transatlantic Slave Trade & Colonialism

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Schematic map showing an overview of the slave trade out of Africa.
Left: Schematic map showing the major regions where enslaved captives disembarked. Right: Schematic map showing the major coastal regions from which enslaved captives left Africa.
Schematic map showing the volume and directions of the transatlantic slave trade from all African to all American regions.
Right: Map of West Africa, ca. 1800s. Lower left: Photograph of the inhabitants of Ghana’s interior, whose ancestors were conscripted into the transatlantic slave trade. Lower center: Anonymous, *Olaudah Equiano*, ca. 1780s. Oil on canvas. Lower right: Photograph of an Afro-Brazilian man (with Yoruba scarifications), mid-to-late 19th century. Estimate of Africans brought to the Americas from the Gold Coast: 1,209,000. Estimate of Africans brought to the Americas from the Bights of Benin & Biafra: 1,999,000 and 1,595,000, respectively.
Clockwise from above right: Bell from the slaver Henrietta Marie, which was shipwrecked off the southern tip of Florida, 1701. 18th century newspaper announcement about an enslaved "Ibo" man, Williamsburg, VA. Map of Virginia, Maryland, & the Carolinas, 17th century. Map of Jamaica, 1717. Anonymous photograph of Cane-Cutters, Jamaica, 19th century. Estimate of Africans who arrived in North America: 387,000. Estimate of Africans who arrived in Jamaica: 1,020,000.
Above left: George Harper Houghton, Family of slaves at the Gaines house, Virginia, ca. 1861-62. Photograph. Above right: Barbadoes Copper Penny, ca. 1780s-90s. Lower left: Map of Cuba, ca. 1800s. Estimate of Africans who arrived in Barbados & other Caribbean islands (excluding Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, & the Dutch islands): 493,000 and 1,020,000, respectively. Estimate of Africans who arrived in Cuba: 780,000.
Upper left: Iglesia de la Trinidad (a church built by and for enslaved Africans), Cartagena, Colombia, 17th century.
Upper right: Map of the West Indies, Mexico and New Spain, 18th century. Estimate of Africans who arrived in Veracruz & New Spain: 390,000.

Lower left: Portrait of John Stedman, adventurer in Suriname, 18th century.