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- The capture of slaves and the Middle Passage
- Identities of the enslaved and their lives after capture
- The economics of the slave trade
- The struggle to end slavery
- The slave trade's legacy

Following this extensive analytical section are biographies of important persons?both black and white?in the history of the slave trade. Thirteen primary documents show students the actual words of the participants. An annotated bibliography and a timeline complete the book, making it the perfect source for student research on this heartrending and critically important historical topic.



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