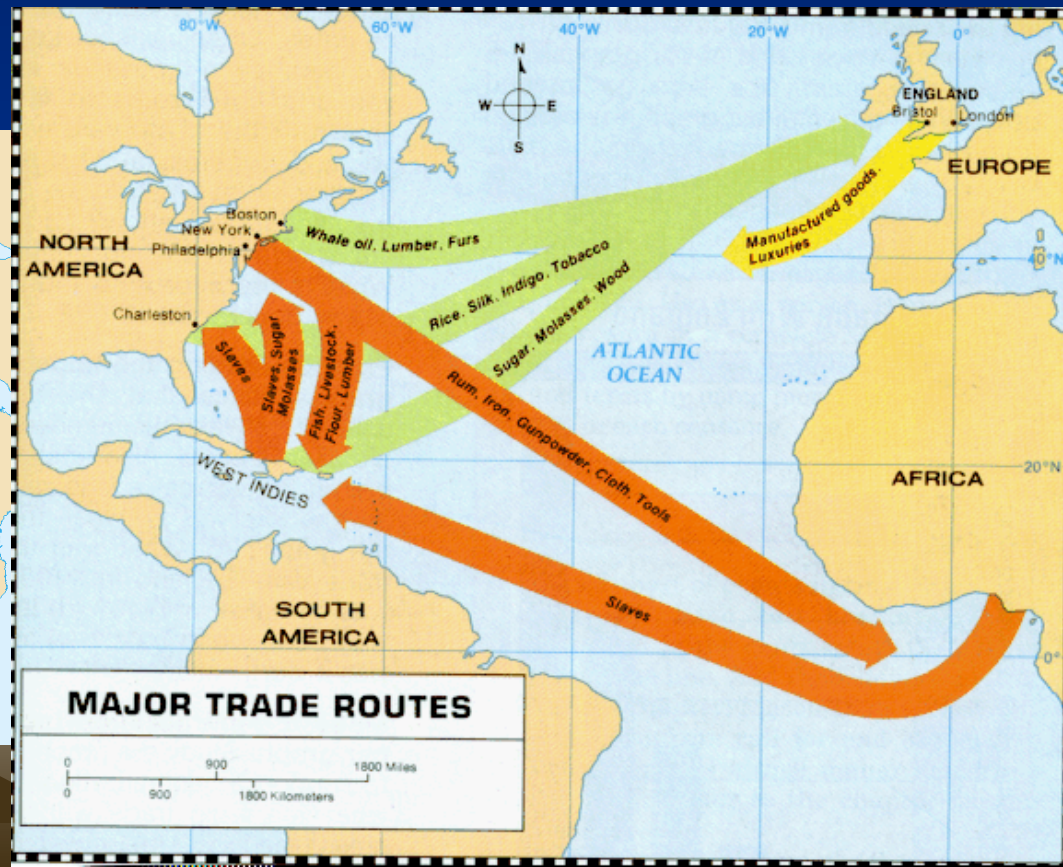
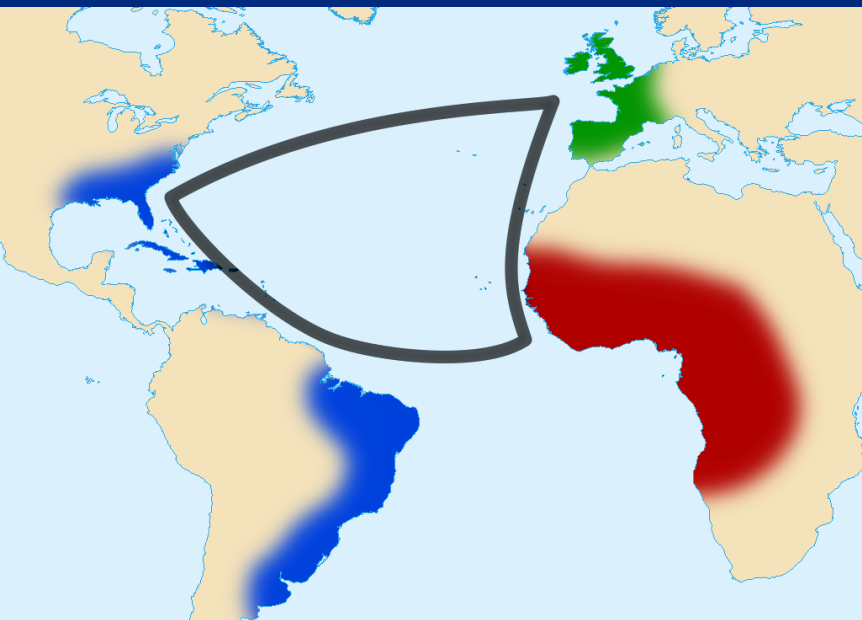


Triangular Trade and the Atlantic Slave Trade



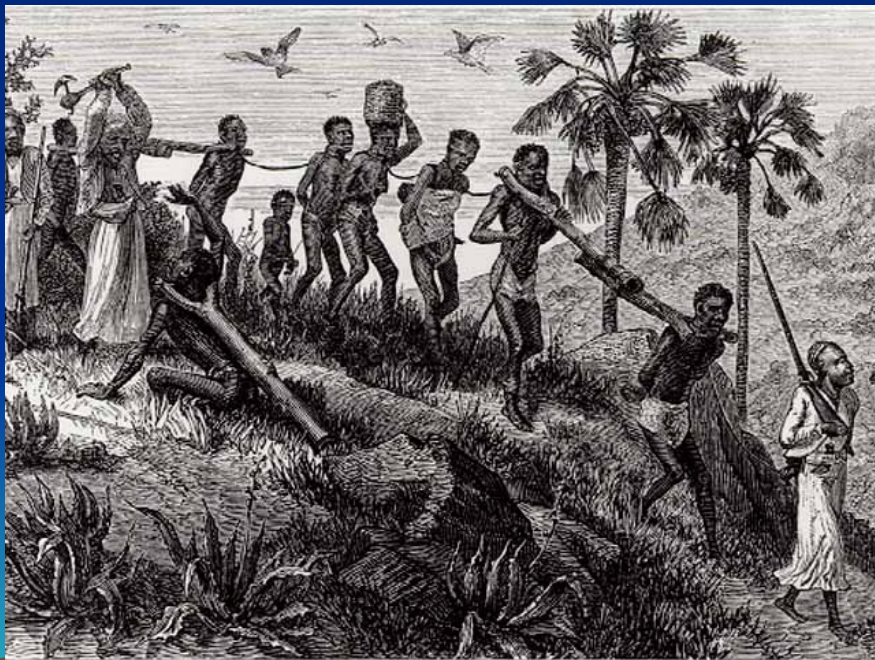
Atlantic Slave Trade

- The Atlantic slave trade was started in the 1500s to fill the **need for labor in Spain's American empire.**
- Each year, **traders shipped tens of thousands of enslaved Africans** across the Atlantic to work on tobacco and sugar plantations in the Americas.



Atlantic Slave Trade

- Europeans relied on African rulers and traders to seize captives in the interior and bring them to coastal trade posts and fortresses.



- The slave trade intensified as the demand for slaves increased in the Americas and the demand for luxury goods increased in Africa.

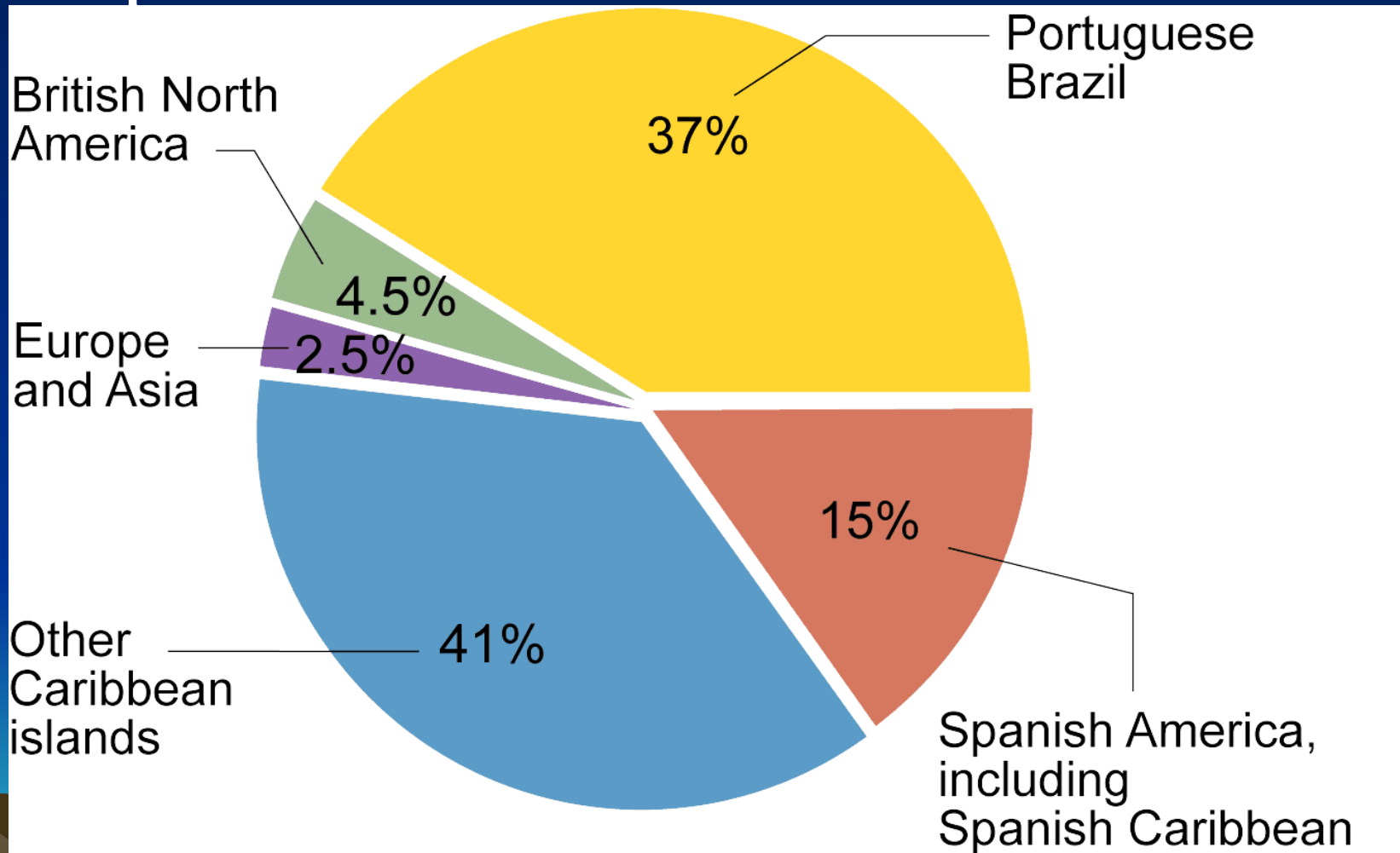
Atlantic Slave Trade

- The Atlantic slave trade formed one part of a **three-legged trade** network known as the **triangular trade**.



Destinations of Enslaved Africans

**What country imported the most slaves?
Which imported the fewest?**



The Middle Passage

- Hundreds of men, women and children crammed on one vessel
- “Floating Coffins”
 - Dying from disease or brutal mistreatment
- Few of the Africans who resisted lived to see the end of their journey

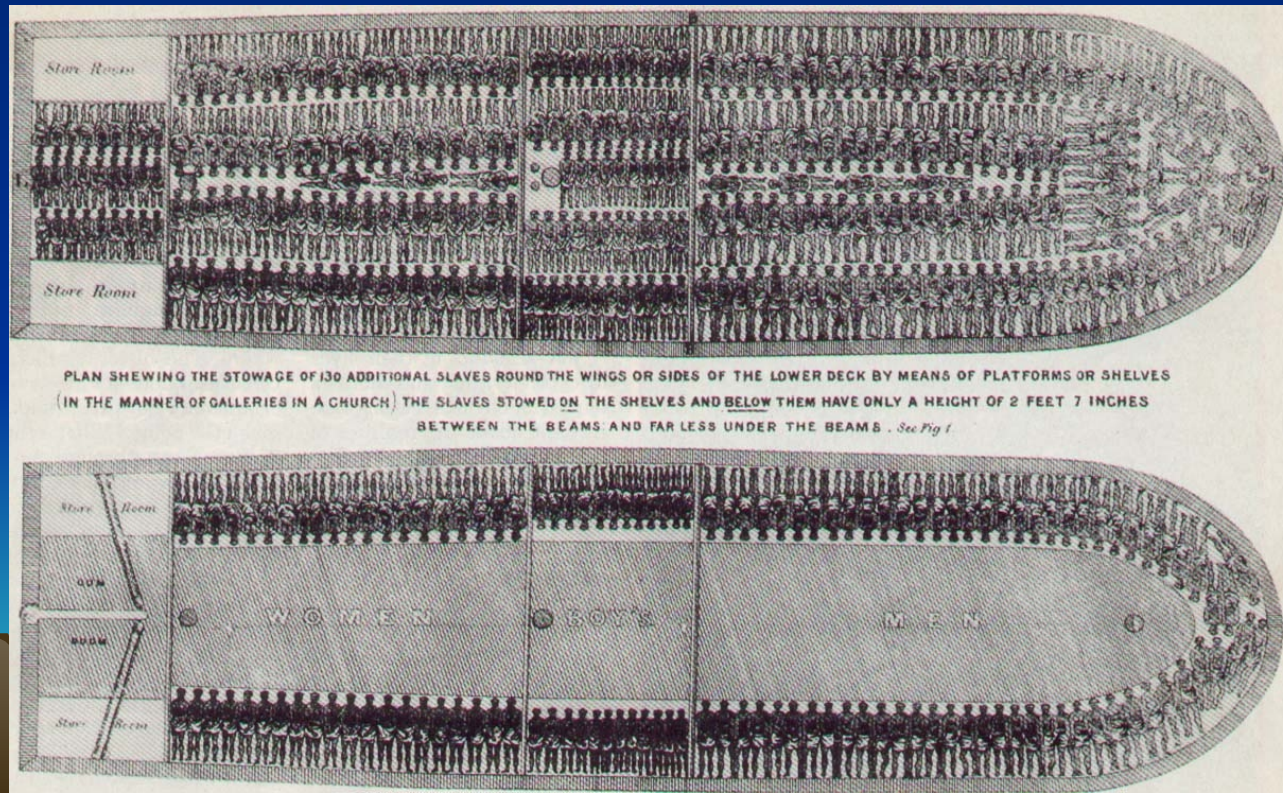


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Impact of the Slave Trade

- By the 1800s, an estimated **11 million enslaved Africans had reached the Americas**. Another 2 million probably died during the Middle Passage.
- **The slave trade caused the decline of some African states**. The loss of countless numbers of young women and men resulted in some small states disappearing forever.
- New African states arose whose way of life depended on the slave trade. **The rulers of these new states** waged war against other Africans in order to gain control of the slave trade in their region.

Impact of the Slave Trade

- **Economically**, the Africans were excellent workers in the fields and they were good metal workers, **so they were able to grow more crops and made more money**
- **Culturally**, the Africans kept **their music, languages, some religious beliefs**, dance, recipes for foods, etc...Now, **Latin America is a true blend** of the Spanish, Native American, and African cultures.



Draw the Triangular Trade on your paper

