

# THE SLAVE TRADE IN AFRICA

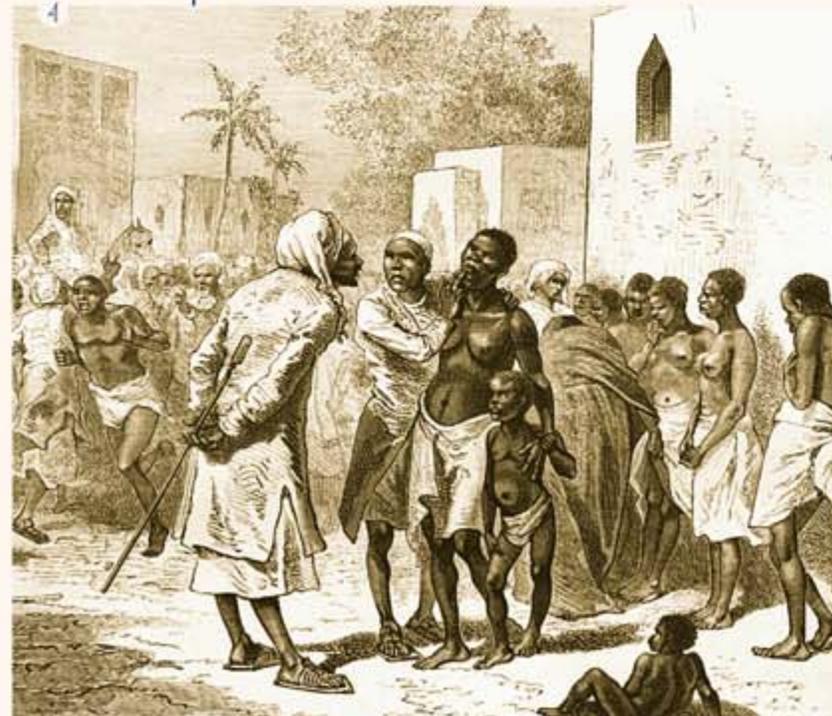


1 - Slave Trade  
Plate by the citizen Rollet, in Paris, around 1795  
Based on a painting by Georges Morland  
"Execrable Human Traffick"

2 - A Convoy of Black Women  
Alphonse Lévy - 1843-1918  
The Museum of African & Oceanian Arts (Paris)

3 - A Slave Trader Killing his Slaves  
Drawing by Daniel Vièrge  
"Le Tour du Monde" review - 1875

4 - The Slave Market in Zanzibar  
Drawing by Émile Bayard  
"Le Tour du Monde" review - 1875



The slave-ships sailed towards the coasts of Africa with cargos of exchangeable goods such as glass jewellery, weapons, spirits and paintings.

Huge and complex trading networks developed through Africa : the European goods traveled far into the continent while an increasing number of prisoners followed the roads that led to the coast. Insecurity and oppression were devastating for a long period of time.

After the despair caused by their separation from relatives and family, the prisoners, of whom a large majority had never seen the ocean, were taken on board of the slave-ships to America. There, they experienced unbearable living conditions : sea-sickness, confinement, iron shackles, overcrowding and stench. In addition, they had to face the agonizing uncertainty of their future.