

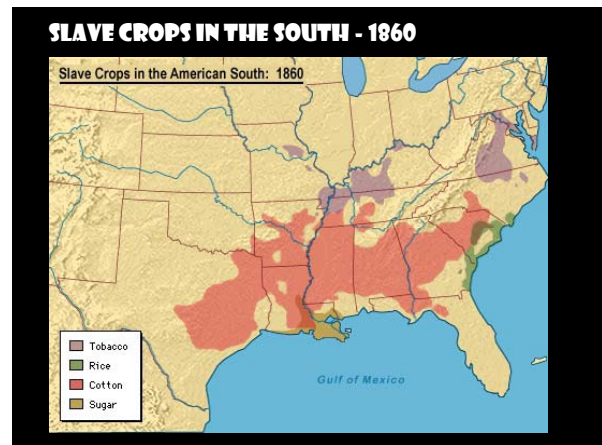
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Ways that the Cotton Gin changed life in the south:

1) Triggered more cotton production in the west

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2) Made cotton the KING crop of the south



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3) More Native Americans were moved off their land so it could be used to grow cotton

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4) Slavery continues to be the major source of labor and more slaves are needed



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Most of the slaves in the South were on huge plantations, not smaller farms



#### SLAVE LIFE ON A SOUTHERN COTTON PLANTATION



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In 1840 about 33% of the population in the South were slaves

About 1  
in 3 were  
slaves



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In 1840, about 8% of African Americans in the South were free



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African Americans used religion, friendships and music to endure the cruel conditions of slavery



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SPIRITUALS  
– religious  
folk songs

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*



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Families were important to slaves

But families were often divided and split up



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NAT TURNER – an African American who believed that God wanted him free the slaves in any manner possible



### NAT TURNER REBELLION



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Nat Turner organized a slave rebellion in Virginia, 1831

The rebellion failed and killed 55 white men, women and children

### DISCOVERING NAT TURNER



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The Turner Rebellion made southern slave owners even more fearful to revolts and cracked down on the slaves – about 200 slaves killed in revenge

