

I think your just trying to use up space here

STUDENT 1



Letter of Protest

Ms. Arjunan, Ms. Graefe

Period 3

Dear King of Spain,

18/20

~~the~~ Good Job!

But you need to start using paragraphs, it will help you organize your thoughts

I am an ex-slave trader. My name is Damon Johnson III. I am writing this letter to you to encourage you to abolish the Atlantic slave trade. I am devastated to say I have slave-traded myself, but ~~believe~~ now believe it is something the world should not go through. We traders should not beat Negroes which are objected to by the captains and use them with great severity (Falconbridge). ✓

Slaves are people just like the rest of us and deserve to be treated like the rest of us. Being treated like animals chained together and hung up-side down. (Middle passage). ✓

I know if it was me I could not handle the stress so I know these slaves are going through so much pain. Men being fastened, two by two, handcuffed on their ~~wrist~~ and irons on their legs (Falconbridge). Women between decks in a separate apartment (Falconbridge).

Slaves are not people who are to be auctioned off but people who should have the freedom to do as they wish, staying on ships where the stench was so intolerably loathsome that it was dangerous to even remain there (Equiano). Ships so crowded, ~~that~~ and heat so high that each had scarcely room to move and almost suffocated (Equiano). Slaves have been whipped and even killed because they were trying to become as equal as us.

This is not how life should be. Do you really want slaves to do your work? That just shows your laziness and lack of intelligence. How does controlling and killing people show your power? It just proves you are a brutal and selfish person. I was once like you. Brutal and hurtful to slaves because of the power I felt. This isn't power this is ~~self~~ selfishness and ~~selfish and~~ not how men should be. Men should be caring and helpful and responsible. This is why I am writing this letter to you, so you can become a caring, helpful, and responsible man.

STUDENT 2



3rd period

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Great vocabulary,
I like how you cited
more than the requirements*
Great Job!

Letter of Protest

Dear King of Britain, I am a former slave trader and I demand that the slave trade comes to an end! ^{Word choice} Tons of innocent African Americans are put into harsh conditions because of the slave trade. I will inform you why the slave trade must come to an end.

One main reason to end the slave trade is the harsh conditions on the slave ships. Based on what I have seen during my time as a slave trader, slaves that are put on the ships are forced to experience terrible circumstances. One of them being the repugnant scents on the ships. The scents are so horrible that some of the slaves are unable to eat. If slaves refuse to eat they will be whipped, severely cut, or will be forced to eat coal (Equiano's Account). Another harsh condition on the slave ships is how cramped the ships are. The slaves are fastened together by handcuffs on their wrists and irons on their legs. They must lay so close to each other that they have to lie on their sides (Falconbridge's Account). The slaves also cannot move so if the ships sink, the slaves are forced to drown and die (Middle Passage Images, 5).

Another main reason to abolish the slave trade is the cruelty of slave masters toward the slaves. The scenes that I have witnessed were horrifying. Slaves are getting beat badly by their masters for having minor faults. For example, if a slave let a pot boil over, they would be beaten to the point where some of their bones broke. The slaves are also considered economic goods; therefore if a slave does not have much value, they are beaten, and sometimes killed, if they do not have the strength or qualities to work (Equiano's Account).

Slaves are also getting cheated by white people because African Americans are not treated like human beings and are not educated. For example, slaves were told to sell grass. Frequently, white people stole the grass without paying for it. They also beat the slaves if they were helpless. Another way that the slaves are getting cheated is the slaves sell cattle to the white people and the white people ask for their money back. If the slave refused to give the money back, the white man would threaten the slave and beat the slave (Equiano's Account).

There were also many horrors during the Middle Passage. I have seen slave traders treat slaves like they were cattle. They had to wear branding irons to show ownership (Middle Passage Images # 6). Another terrifying part of the Middle Passage was if the British saved or found slaves, they would make the slaves work for them. The British hung slaves and abused them (Middle Passage Images # 4, 7). Due to these conditions, about two million slaves died on the Middle Passage.

I am sure you can see why I retired as a slave trader. I hope that you have pity for the slaves being abused and you put an end to this onslaught.

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cite sources hipster llama! 11/9/12
DEAR KING MANUEL, but creative!

STUDENT 3

THE SLAVE TRADE HAS GREATLY STABILIZED PORTUGAL'S ECONOMY, BE THAT AS IT MAY, IT HAS ALSO RUINED MANY LIVES. YOU MAY KNOW HOW SLAVES ARE IMPORTED AND EXPORTED THROUGH THE COUNTRY, BUT DO YOU KNOW OF THE TERRIBLE CONDITIONS THAT THEY MUST SUFFER THROUGH?

THE JOURNEY BEGINS WITH 200-500 SLAVES CRAMMED INTO TIGHT "SHELVES" UNDERNEATH THE DECK OF A SHIP. THEY ARE FED VERY LITTLE AND ARE KEPT IN VERY POOR HYGENIC CONDITIONS. SOME OF THE SLAVES ARE BEHEADED IN ORDER TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE OTHER SLAVES TO BEHAVE THEMSELVES. IF A SLAVE REFUSES TO EAT AND WISHES TO DIE THEN CREW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO FORCE HOT COALS DOWN A SLAVES THROAT OR EVEN POUR MOLTEN LEAD ON THEIR FLESH.

DO YOU EVER STOP TO THINK ABOUT THE LIVES THAT YOU ARE ROBBING

FROM THESE AFRICANS AND THEIR FAMILIES? SOME SLAVES ARE KIDNAPPED RIGHT OUT OF THEIR OWN HOMES AND VILLAGES AND SOLD INTO SLAVERY THE NEXT DAY. SLAVE OWNERS BRAND THEIR SLAVES "AS THEY WOULD CATTLE". THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD TO SEVERELY PUNISH A SLAVE FOR SIMPLY "LETTING A POT BOIL OVER"

WITH LITTLE FOOD OR REFRESHMENTS AS A REWARD, SLAVES TOIL AWAY IN THE FIELDS FOR MOST OF THEIR LIFE, WHICH STARTS OUT AT HOME AND ENDS UP IN HOME'S POLAR OPPOSITE. THE SLAVE TRADE IS GREAT FOR THE ECONOMY OF PORTUGAL, BUT IT TOTALLY DESTROYS THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF AFRICANS. THE FASTEST WAY TO FIX THIS DIS-BALANCED SYSTEM IS TO ABOLISH SLAVERY AND THE SLAVE TRADE IN AS MANY PLACES THAT YOU HOLD POWER OVER AND TO INFLUENCE YOUR ALLIES TO DO THE SAME.

YOUR 7th ADVISOR,

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~ HIPSTER LLAMA !!

STUDENT 4



World History

Letter of Protest

18/20 I like your evidence but there needs to be more organization (use paragraphs!!) when you don't use paragraphs it is very difficult to follow.

November 19th, 2012

Ms. Graefe

Dear the King of Britain,

Hello, I am ~~Kingdom of England~~, a traveler from Europe, here to ask you if you can abolish the Atlantic Slave Trade. Here are some of my reasons why you should end the Atlantic Slave Trade.

One reason why you should end the Atlantic Slave Trade is because as the slaves are being shipped to the area of where their owners live, they are cramped together in a small room in a ship full of other African slaves for many months. During those months of just lying there, stacked and cramped together without being able to move, someone could catch a disease, which can be spread to the people around them. Once the slave is caught with the disease, there is no cure for them, so they just lay there until they die. This is a waste of money and for the people who bought the slaves and for the slave traders because those who buy the slaves that died during the journey over the ocean, just basically wasted a few hundred dollars because since the slave died, they can't get the money back. Also, it is a waste of time for the slave traders because the more African slaves that have died on the ship, is less money they earn because of the less African slaves they have left. (Middle Passage Image) Another reason why you should end the Atlantic Slave Trade is because in my perspective and in many others, everybody is supposed to be treated equally, no matter what race or color they are. According to Falconbridge's account of the slave trade, he states that if they are refused from their account of age, illness, deformity or for any other reason, they have the right to beat them. Just because they have a deformed

face/body, does not mean they could just beat them for how they look. That is a high level of cruelty. Also, according to Falconbridge's account on the Atlantic Slave Trade, is that he states when the slaves refuse to eat, the slave traders put a shovel of glowing hot coals forcing the slaves to eat, and if they still refuse, they force the slaves to swallow the coals to inform the slaves that they should not disrespect them. Another thing that happened at a time was that a captain of a slave trade once poured melted lead on some of his slaves when they refused their food. Furthermore, when slaves refuse to eat, one slave trader laid the slave across the windlass, tying their feet together, while the other flogged them severely. (Equiano) When they do such cruel things to their slaves, this would reduce the slave's life, which also goes back to when they would lose money because of a death of one slave they could have made. The food that the slave traders were feeding to the slave, which was horse beans boiled to the consistency of a pulp, boiled yams, rice, sometimes a small quantity of beef or pork, and also is topped with a slabber-sauce which consists of palm-oil mixed with flour, water, and pepper. From this amount and choice of food, the slaves wouldn't have much energy to live and also wouldn't have much energy when they begin laboring as a slave, which again causes them to die faster.

(Falconbridge) The African slaves were treated like they were animals on the ship. If they refuse to do what the slave trader ask, hence the eating, they would just flog them for hours until they die, and just throw them off the ship like it was no big of a deal. Once in slaving, "the slaves are to be branded with the initial letters of their master's name and a load of heavy iron hooks hung about their necks." They were also "loaded with chains and often instruments of torture were added. Iron muzzle, thumbscrews, etc."(Equiano) Also according to Equiano's narrative, when he was in slavery, one of the African slaves was beaten until some of his bones were broken for even letting a pot boil over. The cruelty that the slaves have to deal with is makes

them want to go into despair and make them seek refuge in death. Many slaves who were on the ship attempted to jump off the boat into the sea to drown, but before she drowned she was pulled up and then flogged for choosing death over slavery. Many slaves have attempted to kill themselves by starving to death, refusing to eat any victuals; which brings them to severe flogging and being dumped overboard.

As you have read in my letter, you see that the Atlantic Slave Trade should be abolished because of the ways the slaves are being treated by the slave traders. Ending the Atlantic Slave Trade would save many African American's lives, and letting them live in peace and happiness with their beloved friends and family.



Dear King of Britain,

I really feel we should abolish the Atlantic slave trade. I know this keeps the economy moving but if you have seen the ^{your paper} ~~awful~~ ^{cloud} ~~to~~ ^{that way,} ~~awful~~ ^{awfulness} you will I have seen, you would understand my reasoning. I am an ex-slave trader and I had to recognize quit that job. I couldn't handle how ^{my} ~~my~~ ^{those} ~~those~~ ^{repetitions} ~~repetitions~~ partner was. We treat these human beings like they are animals and it is just not right.

← unnecessary phrase
 As I was saying, we treat these people like they are not human beings. Sometimes when requirements aren't met for the trade the slave's mouths are burned with hot ~~loads~~ (faltonbridge). ✓
 When we are born and we don't meet certain requirements we aren't burned with loads. When we don't meet requirements we let it fix by itself or we get it fixed, we don't get tortured. Also the traders will sometimes decapitate the ~~rejected~~ which I personally find absolutely disturbing (faltonbridge). ✓
 I have seen other horrid deaths to slaves too. Sometimes they hang them by their footband whip them or they throw them overboard (trade images). ✓

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Good job but sometimes your writing gets very repetitive when you edit you should read

Another disturbing reason to stop the trade is the living conditions. The slaves sleep shackled together with barely any room at all. They sleep in bunk beds with many bunks but "have only enough space to fit" (trade images). But at the same time, however, they are frequently stowed so close, as to admit of no other position than lying on their sides (Falcon bridge). You probably wouldn't last a day King (no offense) the conditions are so terrible. The slaves also get tortured if they do not take "sustenance". They sometimes even get hot coals shaved down their throats. (Falconbridge). ✓

"I have seen negroes tortured" (Cavanaugh). ✓
As you can see what we are doing is just absolutely wrong. We need to stop this now. Eventually we will all turn into savages. ~~We can't depend on them too much. Our economy will flop if we lose them. We cannot depend on them much longer.~~

Sincerely,

repetitive



STUDENT 6



Letter of Protest

18/20

very persuasive language!

World History
but you didn't introduce yourself. Who were you ex-slave? you traveller?

Dear King of Britain, I would like you to take in concern that I want to abolish the Atlantic Slave Trade. I feel as though this is a horrible way to treat human beings. Africans mean no harm. Therefore your people should not harm them. I understand you need people to fulfill your needs and wants, but you should hire the African people instead of taking them by their own will. If your going to take them you should at least treat them with some respect. I hear that the people being brought upon the ships face rigorous treatment. "The men Negroes, on being brought aboard the ship, are immediately fastened together, two by two, by handcuffs on their wrists and by iron riveted on their legs.(Falconbridge)" That is not fair to them and you should think twice and realize how bad you are hurting these people. How would you feel to be taken by your home by force to work in hot fields picking cotton?

do not perhaps a better vocab word than like?

I don't like how you and your people portray the African people as animals and inhumane beings. So their color pigment is darker than yours, what does that have to do with who they really are? I have seen pictures of these people getting beat by your people(Protest image 4) and its horrible to see these actions and nobody to do anything about it! How dare you take people and think that you can just throw them around and order them to do hard labor. For all I know, the African people should be praised by the amount of work they put in to fulfill your wants. Would you like it if all the African people just invaded your country and take over? You should be killed for what you have done!

unnecessary phrase

The African people were very confused and hurt by this. Its not their fault. Its not right to sell people and separate their families. The living conditions you put these people on the boat were horrid. As you never let the people use the bathrooms, they would urinate and defecate all over the place. "The stench of the hold while we were on the coast as so intolerably loathsome that it was dangerous to remain in there for any time, and some of us had been permitted to stay on deck for the fresh air.(Equiano)" Do you see what you put these people through for no reason at all? Some of them couldn't even eat due to the unbearable smell. This wasn't even the beginning for them because this was only the transportation to what their so called ending would be placed.

← good quote choice

After reading this I hope you have reasoning on why you still have slavery. My words are like a prayer from African people to you and you should realize the pain these people are going through. You should take all the Africans back to their home because where they are now ^{IS NOT} isn't home, its torture. I suggest you sit down and think a very long time about why you are really doing this and think about the feelings of these people. Maybe you can make a compromise with the Africans and ask them what they would want in order for them to work for you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

20 / 20 Great Job!!
(Be careful w/ casual language like 'ok' and contractions)

STUDENT 7

Dear King of Spain,

I am writing this letter as a sorry forgivable ex-slave trader. I have now changed my position on slaves and slave trading.

In my early years of slave trading, I thought slave trading was ok. In fact, I thought slave trading was more than completely acceptable. The slaves were of a different skin color other than my fellow friends and slave traders. These slave traders were "Negroes." (Falconbridge) During slave trades, buyers examine the slave. They often check their age, health, eyes, teeth, bones, and other things that would conflict with their labor. If the slaves had anything wrong with them, they often were not the first to get traded or bought. Sometimes they even didn't get bought. (Falconbridge) Slaves were also hung upside down by a rope tied to one of their ankles, with barely any clothes on. (Middle Passage Image)

use diff' word

reword

These slaves were brought over from a different continent. We transported the slaves on a slave ship. The journey was often long. On slave ships, slaves were often beaten and abused for no particular reason. The most common reason was because the captain ordered the slave trader to beat a certain slave as an example for all the other slaves who dared not to listen. (Falconbridge) At New Calabar, in particular, the traders have frequently been known to put them to death. Instances have happened at that place, when Negroes have been objected to, that the traders have dropped their canoes under the stern of the vessel and instantly beheaded them in sight of the captain..." (Falconbridge) There were also a lot of unfair treatment towards slaves, "...Negroes refusing to take sustenance, I have seen coals of fire, glowing hot, put on a shovel and placed so near their lips as to scorch and burn them." (Falconbridge)

On the slave ships, slaves were often packed on the bottom of the ship on shelves with about a foot span of room between each shelf. "But at the same time, however, they are frequently stowed so close, as to admit of no other position than lying on their sides. Nor will the height between decks, unless directly under the grating, permit the indulgence of an erect posture; especially where there are platforms, which is generally the case." (Falconbridge) There was no room on the ship to move around for the slaves. There was barely enough breathing room. (Middle Passage Image) There was "about eight or nine feet in breath, extending from the side ship toward the centre. They are placed nearly midway between the decks, at the distance of two or three feet from each deck." (Falconbridge) In some cases slaves were laying on each other.

good quote

Upon the attendance on the slave ships, slaves were often given "horse beans boiled to the consistency of a pulp; of boiled yams and rice and sometimes a small quantity of beef or pork." (Falconbridge) The slaves' anonymous favorite food was yams and rice or corn from the Gold or Windward. (Falconbridge) Some slaves did not like the food that was served and dared to refuse to eat the food that was placed before them. Some slaves have even continued to refuse to eat the food and as a result, sailors threatened to make them swallow hot coal if they continued

to refuse to eat their food. Some captains even poured hot melted lead on the slaves that were being disobedient. (Falconbridge) Also, for other punishments slaves were hung in hand and foot cuff like structures. These items were barely enough room for one slave as they often put more than one slave on there. There was about one centimeter less in space between each cuff. (Middle Passage Image)

Slaves were often treated un-human like. They were not considered as humans, they were often compared to animals. Just like cattle, we often bred slaves for sale. (Falconbridge) Cattle were marked with branding irons. Cattle were marked with branding irons to show who their owner was. If the animal ran away, you could tell who it belonged to. Slaves are often marked in this way too. Branding irons often looked like sticks with wide handles. (Middle Passage Image)

There weren't too many slaves that got rescued often from these horrible conditions. Although, some slaves didn't get rescued there were some few lucky slaves that got rescued from a British ship. These slaves looked really small in size, their physical condition looked as they were on the verge of dying off. (Middle Passage Image)

Slavery is an act that is extremely wrong. It shouldn't be carried out anymore. Humans should be treated like humans not anything less than that. Humans should also be treated the same. One person shouldn't be treated different than another person just because that person is of a different skin color. I'm sure you wouldn't want someone to treat like something you are less than.

I'm sure your thinking of how I was a slave trader. Your probably saying, how are you trying to take another side of the slave trade, you were involved in slave trade yourself. Yes, I was involved in slave trade. I thought slave trade was acceptable for a very long time. I didn't think much of people other than my skin color. I often thought people other than my skin color were often on Earth as my servant. They were worth much less than I was or anyone my skin color was. I treated them any kind of way. I didn't think of them as humans. After a while, I realized they were humans just like me, no matter what they looked like or what color their skin was. Abolishment of the slave trade would equal out our systems. It would make everyone equal. It might even stop some of our hate and crime against each other. Please, please, stop slavery, stop the slave trade. Abolish it!

Creative argument

Sincerely,

STUDENT 8



November 19, 2012

World History 3rd Period

Ms. Arjunan and Ms. Graefe

Letter of Protest

20/20 You always impress me
Your argument is well formed and I love your Jonathon Gregorson character!

To his High Majesty, King of Great Britain,

^{AWESOME!} My name is Jonathon Gregorson, and I am the Head of the Department of Trading and Commerce in Great Britain's royal government. As I was inspecting the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, I am surprised to say that I am in horrific shock of the kind of treatment these servants of Great Britain are receiving, and am writing this letter to you to put an end to this inhumane crime.

Although I cannot bring any evidence of this back for you to see, due to the cost I would be wasting, I will use what sources I can to possibly persuade you into agreeing with my cause. I will go straight into my primary argument, which will be as to what kind of treatment these slaves are receiving upon their voyage at sea. Their quarters are in between decks, and they are stacked into shelves for weeks. While I was gazing upon some images of these ships, I came across one that stood out to me in particular. I looked in shock to see three men chained together in shelves that had absolutely no space for them to move around. What was even worse was that these men, who are human beings, are being punished if they do not eat.

Perhaps his royal majesty may not see why the trade of slaves should be stopped because of this argument, but consider this. "Upon the Negroes refusing to take sustenance, I have seen coals of fire, glowing hot, put on a shovel and placed so near

their lips as to scorch and burn them." (Falconbridge) If this wasn't worse enough, there was an account of this form of punishment that was crueller. "I have also been credibly informed that a certain captain in the slave-trade, poured melted lead on such of his Negroes as obstinately refused their food." (Falconbridge)

If his royal majesty still disagrees with me, I'll quote only one more person. His name is Olaudah Equiano, and he is a slave who wrote an account about how he became a slave. He says that children were stolen from their families to become slaves in his village. Equiano says, "One day, when all our people were gone out to their works as usual and only I had my dear sister were left to mind the house, two men and a woman got over our walls, and in a moment seized us both, and without giving us time to cry out or make resistance they stopped our mouths and ran off with us into the nearest wood." (Equiano) How would you feel, your majesty, if you were stolen from your family? How would you feel to have all your freedom being taken away from you simply because you can be ruled over? How would you feel to be enslaved for being innocent? How do you think Equiano's parents felt, knowing their son was gone forever? Ask yourself these questions your majesty, and consider if the slave trade is worth going through all this trouble and cruelty. How would you feel to be a slave, your majesty?

I await your reply in a month's time. I am sending my personal assistant to deliver this letter and bring back your response. Long live the King.

In good health,

Jonathon Gregorson

Head of the Department of Trading and Commerce, Parliament of Great Britain

20/20 Great Job!

STUDENT 9
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Letter of Protest Assignment

Dear king of British,

I am a former slave that luckily earned enough money to purchase back my freedom. I am here to ask and beg you to abolish the Atlantic slave trade. The Atlantic slave trade is one of the worst things someone could experience. Me, myself could tell you how miserable I was during that time period. My life was totally changed from the day when the "two men and women got over our walls and in a moment seized us both". (Equiano) From that moment on, I had lost everything, family, freedom, homeland and more.

When I got on the ship, all the slaves were immediately fastened together by handcuffs on their wrists and irons riveted on their legs. (Falconbridge). Others told me that others sold them to these white men. They evaluated them by their look age, eyesight and health. In short their ability of laboring. The white men offered us food that "consists chiefly of horse beans boiled to the consistency of a pulp; of boiled yams and rice and sometimes a small quantity of beef or pork", (Falconbridge) but some of us refused to eat them. As a result, these people got beaten and others were burned; coals of fire were placed near their lips to burn the lips of the ones that didn't want to eat. (Falconbridge). Those moments were horrifying and too brutal. We're all human being, I don't get why aren't we treated equally? We're treated like calves and means nothing to them except for money.

Most of us wanted to commit suicide because that was how bad our condition were. All of us were stacked in the ship, there were totally no space for us to move. (Figure 1) The white men also used branding iron to create a mark of ownership. Some died from this painful torture, others screamed and cried for a long time. (Figure 6) They hanged people that tried to rebel or didn't listen to them and forced other slaves to look; so we would be scared. (Figure 4) I had often seen women that cried for hours, knowing that there's no purpose and helpless. (Equiano) Once, I heard from other slaves that a slave ship was rescued by the British. Therefore, I hope you would help and abolish the Atlantic slave trade. (Figure 7)

It always breaks my heart knowing how cruel this world could be. Even though I am free but I feel that others should be free too. Imagine if you were like us, you wouldn't want to be treated like how those white men treated us. They wouldn't even let us die, because we're no more than animals to them. There's no doubt that we were miserable for our whole lives because we have lost everything. I am a free man, and I still feel miserable because I know I can't go back to the old times, when I was living happily with my family. I wonder how's my sister is, ^{and} hopes that she is ok. What makes me even more depressed is knowing that our next generation might experience the same torture we experienced. ^{me} King of british, as a father, you would always want to wish the best out of your children, right? Same with us! We don't want our next generation to be like us, we want them to have education and someone useful. Once again, I really hope you would think about helping us abolish the Atlantic slave trade.

Sincerely,



18/20 Need to create
paragraphs, it will make
your writing more organized.

STUDENT 11 403

To Whom this may Concern:

While you see dollar signs others ^{great phrase!} see charts. While you see money for future generation others don't get to see their future generation. Slavery need to end because it is ruining people's hope and love. People get stripped away from their family without being able to say goodbye. We can get ~~proof~~ proof of this from the Egwano's account, "... for my sister and I were then separated while we lay clasped in each other's arms... she was torn from me and immediately carried away..." Another reason that slavery should end is because of all the people who are getting denied respect due to ^{the} color of their skin. This is ridiculous. The Middle Passage images clearly shows us the horrific images of slave ships and them being beaten. How would you feel if you and your children were grabbed and thrown on a boat, they are people not animals. Just because they might

grammar is sure!

STUDENT 12



11/16/12

World History/Pd.3

Ms. Arjunan/Ms. Graefe

18/20 Great Job
but you should
be careful w/ casual
language like "youghys"
Your conclusion was also
too repetitive.

Dear The King Of Britain,

I am writing this letter to you on the behalf of my fellow Africans. This letter is a request from us to you to abolish the Atlantic slave trade. We want you to abolish the slave trade because many people are dying due to the Atlantic slave trade. Many families have been ruined because one or many of the family members have been traded to different countries and many of them also have died. Also many of the people you have picked had a specific job to do in their family life. The dad has to go work and bring food/money home for the wife and children. The mom has to take care of the children. If one of them is taken away then the family is basically ruined. If the dad is taken away then the mom is deeply going to suffer, and the mom is taken away then the dad is going to suffer. We believe that children's need both of their parents to live a proper and a good life.

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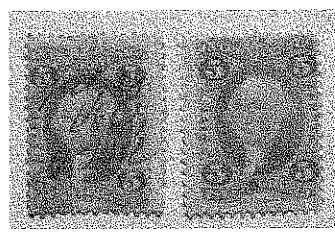
Another reason we want you to abolish the Atlantic slave trade is because we so called "the slaves" were analyzed by the slave traders just like horses. (Falconbridge).

You people "British people" torture us like cows. When we are put on ships to be transported there is lack of space for us to even turn. (Image of slaves stacked on top of each other) Also you tie us up with chains with each other. (Image of Chains) Which torture's us even more because we can't even move our legs and hands. Another thing is that you guys brand us with an initial lettering of the master's name, with a load of heavy iron. (Branding iron image) (Equiano's account)

Another reason we are requesting you to stop the Atlantic slave trade is because you guys force us to eat food even though we do not want to sometimes. You guys pour hot boiling led on us just because we refuse to eat your food for one day on the ships. (Falconbridge) Your majesty, you have made us your personal servants. You make us do everything. You even make us carry to from one place to other. (Image from one of the warm up).

To conclude my majesty, I am writing this letter to you because I want you to abolish the Atlantic slave trade. And as I wrote above there are many reasons for you to stop the ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE.

is too repetitive and w/ a comment that is more thought provoking



← green



19/20

great story
and persuasive
argument. I want
to see more paragraphs
(spit it up)
great intro

You're Majesty,

I write you this letter hoping you will stop this in humane act that you call "business". It isn't justice that we take people out of their homes and lives and send them off to the Americas to do hard back breaking labor that we wouldn't even dare do ourselves. I once was a slave trader and I will tell that the things I saw on those ships made me wonder how I allowed myself to do or even witness such crimes just because of the profit it made. The way we would put those human beings on shelves and wouldn't even allow them to move or get up to go to the bathroom made me feel horrible knowing that I was putting these people through such pain. The beatings the women and children received because of a slight mistake would make me flinch knowing that no grown man could endure the pain that they received. (Middle Passage Images) We basically would take away their will to live and their identities as human beings. The 1st couple of years I would just shut out the voices that told me to stop my bad ways because this was the only way I knew of providing for my family. It gave me nightmares and some nights I wouldn't be able to sleep on the ship because of the screams I heard from the people who were getting lead poured into their mouths all because they didn't want to eat. (Falconbridge) But what made no sense to me was the fact that the Africans would put their own people into this torture and horrifying way of life just for a gun that could easily try to make themselves if they put their mind into it. When I first started out with this trade, I just saw the Africans as animals because that's what I had been taught. But when I saw and truly looked and listened to these people I realized that everything I believed had been wrong. It wasn't right for me to continue working as long as I did but I didn't want to stop receiving the money that I did. Now that I think back to the 20 years I went on trading people as if they were property, it just disgusts me. (Equino)

Do you find it just that we observe and treat these people like cattle just because they aren't like us? You should put yourself in the position they went through in those cramped decks and the scraps of food they are fed against their will. (Falconbridge) Then being sold off to some strangers you have never met in your life and being branded so other people will know that you are their property. (Middle Passage Images) I don't understand what the worst part of the treatment these people receive are. All I know it is going to take me more than 1 lifetime to repay all the crimes I have done to these people. I should've put an end to all of this but I don't have the power to. But you do. You should go see what these people go through on these ships and should imagine how they feel. If the conditions they are in doesn't matter to you and doesn't even make you feel even a twinge of sympathy that just shows how cruel a human being can be. The amount of people I saw killed just because of their unfitnes to be traded is what caused me no snap and stop doing what I did. (Falconbridge) I don't understand why we started trading human beings but it has to stop at once. It is a crime against God to treat others unjustly because of their differences. But isn't it said that under God's eyes we are all equal? You a practicing Catholic should know what sins should and shouldn't be committed and this is one of them.


Think about everything closely and realize what you are doing is one of the most horrifying crimes. Do you want your children to remember you as the most heartless and disgusting Kings Spain has ever had? I think not. Think closely and pray on it. Realize what you are doing and be smart about the decision you make. Hopefully you won't be as stupid as the King's of England and Portugal. I plead with you that you stop this slave trade at once. All I hope is that this letter opened your eyes to the reality and that you finally feel sympathy towards the people we have brought so much pain over. Adios Mi Rey.

Great argument

Adios Mi Rey.

creative!

Sinceramente,



January 10, 1632

STUDENT 14



Ms. Arjunan & Ms. Graefe

World History, Period 3

15 November 2012

17/20

You needed to cite the three sources!

Letter of Protest

To the King of Portugal,

I am a traveler who traveled all over Europe, Egypt, and some parts of Asia. During my trip in Guinea, I thought about making to the New World, where it is said to be a land of many opportunities. I got a ride on one of those ships that were loaded with the African people. And to myself I thought, "Well at least I'm not alone." During the ride I was thinking about what there might be in this "New World." But my train of thought was broken by the sounds of whips, and crying. I was thinking, "Is this how you treat guests on a ship. Then I heard the word, "slave."

Seriously, is this how you treat a slave? These people are like us and you treat them like animals! I walked around the ship and I am not happy with what I saw. I saw theses slaves being branded like you do with cattle. They were forced to eat hot coal or lead. I couldn't sleep at all during the night because of the cries of the slaves. So I walked around and when I got to the place where the slaves slept really disturbed me. They were packed away in shelves and sleeping in their own urine with all these other horrible conditions, for example shackled together while they sleep. I couldn't take your cruelty anymore so I decided that as soon as I reach the Americas, that I'm going back. A couple hours later there was a loud knock on my cabin. "The ship is sinking; we need to go to the life boats." I got to the deck and onto the life boat, but I saw none of the slaves. I

interesting perspective!



thought that they already escaped, but then I learned that they're still chained together below.

You and your people are very cruel. You treat a slave like an animal even less, you don't even attempt save them when anything happened to the ship. Right before I started to leave, I saw a crowd around the stage and saw the people selling the slaves like objects.

As a king, you should be ashamed. What if this was you. As a king, you should be a role model for the people. People should be doing work on their own and not have someone do it for them. Otherwise you're making a bad name for yourself, others calling you lazy and such. If you don't want to do work then pay someone or ask for volunteer. Many people will volunteer if you make a good name and treat people like they are supposed to be treated. So change your ways and abolish slavery and slave trade, because if you don't then there is a chance that slaves won't be accessible anymore because of the way you treat them. So be a good king and abolish slave trade.

18/20 As usual, you really understood the concepts and point of the assignment ~~#####~~ Good Job! But now I want you to also really work on your grammar ~~#####~~

World History Period 3 Nov 16, 2012 ~~#####~~

Letter of Protest

Dear King of Spain, Britain, and Portugal.

Hello, your majesties. I am a former Christian journalist, who has just come back from my visit to Africa. My name is John Maittas Jr.. While I was in Africa there were some things that had come to my notice about much of the ^{actions} unrighteous that all of your country people has done there. I have very well known your reasons to let these actions occur because of of Commerce, Christianity and civilization of Africa, but is it really right for your country man to enslave those people in Africa?

In my notice, I think that it is not right to own other beings and god didn't teach or say anything about enslaving people, for god said that everyone should be treated the way they want others to treat them. ← this is a good argument considering your

Also have your majesties see how those Africans are treated? Do you know what your man has done to them? I guess you ^{peaks} haven't but I have. I have seen all those cruel actions done to those innocent people of Africa. Do you know how your man treat those people when they don't eat? Your ^{men} men actually pour melted lead on their head for not eat and forces them to eat coal if the Africans refused to eat. (Falconbridge) ✓

Those actions that your man done is not only cruel but sinful too. I am here to tell your majesties that what you are allowing your man to do these things to other beings are just sinful and god will probably not forgive them for doing that.

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STUDENT 16



Ms. Graefe

World History 3rd

November 17, 2012

19/20 Great Job!
(Just a little short)

Dear King of Portugal,

I am deeply concerned about the Atlantic slave trade. I think it should be abolished as soon as possible because of the horrors I've seen. I was a former slave that escaped and I have experienced so much pain and torture during my slave days. They first took me away from my home and my family. The black traders sold me to the European purchasers like I was an object or item. The European purchasers examined if I had any deformities and my health (Falcon Bridge).

I was immediately brought aboard the ship and chained to other Negroes (Middle Passage Images). We were chained two by two and we had very little space to move. We were then sent down between the decks and placed there for the remaining ship ride. The hygiene was horrendous and the decks had a horrible stench that made me extremely ill. I laid there never moving, I had to dispose of my waste where I slept. "Our diet while on board consists of horse beans boiled to the consistency of a pulp; of boiled yams and rice and sometimes a small amount of beef or pork." (Falcon Bridge)

I have seen Negroes who refused to eat and were forced to eat by placing a shovel of burning coal near their lips. In some cases they were threatened to swallow coal. (Falcon Bridge) So many of us died only from the ship ride, which was around two months. Those two months were utter agony and suffering.

The boat finally came to a stop and we were on land again. This mysterious place, that I didn't know existed, shattered my reality. I was put right to work in the fields. I had to carry heavy loads and work in the blazing heat. I was beaten harshly when I didn't do things properly. "I have seen a negro beaten till some of his bones were broken because he let a pot boil over (Equiano's Account)."

For thirty years I was a slave until I finally escaped from that repulsive place. This terror needs to be abolished. The hygiene of the ship ride and the way they treat us slaves is not proper and is extremely inhumane. Being chained together with no possible way to move. Having to be taken away from your home and family.

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