

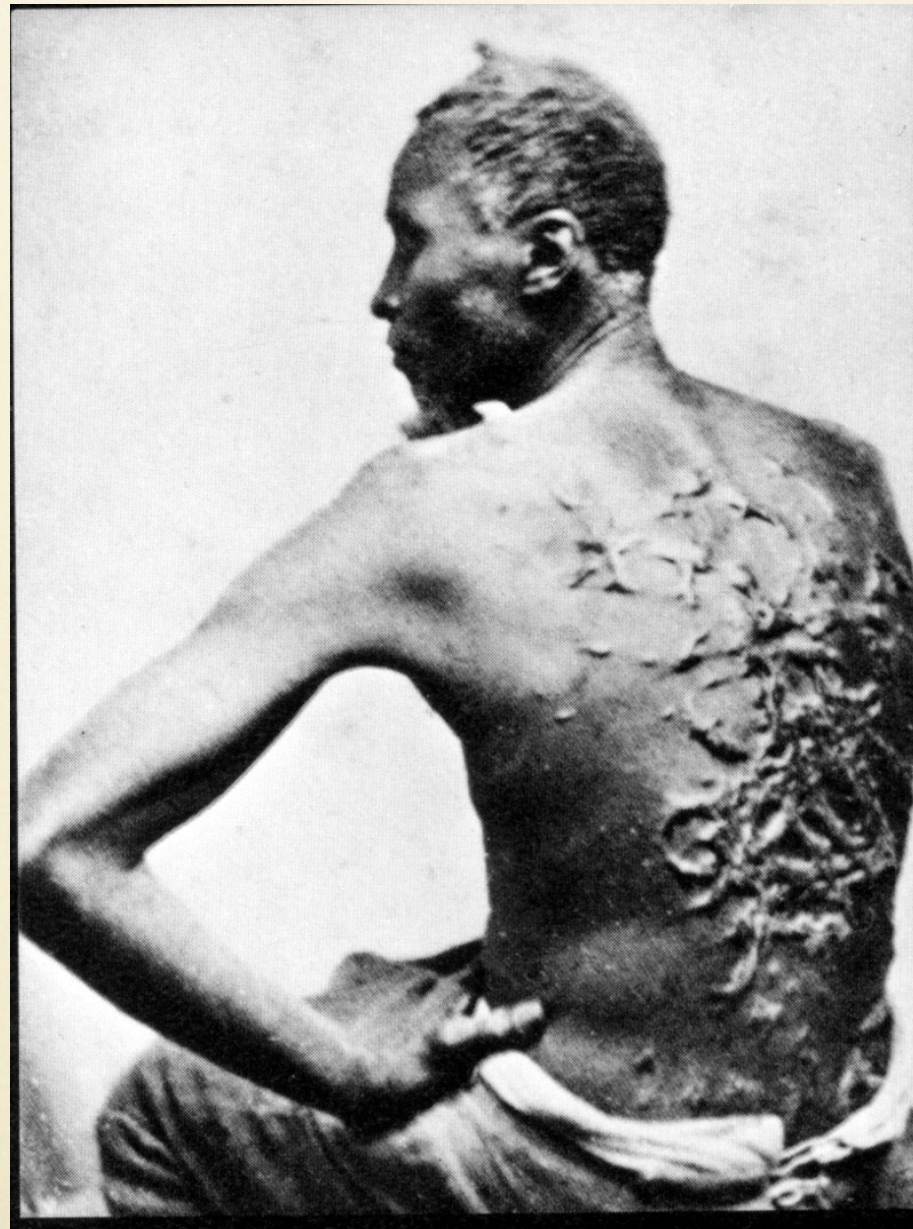
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Slavery on the eve of the Civil War

- ~slavery had been abolished in northern states by 1804
- ~slave trade abolished in 1808



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Slavery on the eve of the Civil War (con't)

- ~slavery in the South was growing
 - ~4 million slaves by 1860
 - ~1/3 to 1/2 of the southern population were slaves

- ~slavery was profitable
 - ~largest financial asset in America
 - ~2/3 of all exports produced by slaves



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Fanny Kemble



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Slave life:

- ~ life expectancy 21 years for slaves; 26 years for whites
- ~ infant mortality rate twice as high for slaves as for whites
- ~ slaves worked 10-18 hours per day
- ~ disease and malnutrition were the norm



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Limits on the early abolition movement:

- ~ Constitutional limitation
- ~ concern for property rights
- ~ belief that slavery would die out eventually



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New abolition movement begins in the 1830s:

- ~ Realization that slavery is expanding not dying out
- ~ Second Great Awakening & Reform Movement
- ~ More militant tactics used



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Black abolition:

- ~ Secret sabotage
- ~ Escape
- ~ Slave rebellion
- ~ Joining the Abolition Movement