

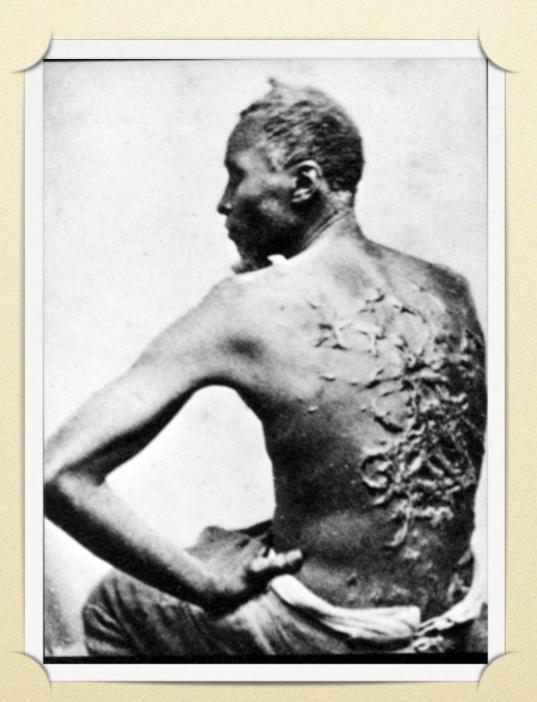
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Slavery on the eve of the Civil War

• slavery had been abolished in northern states by 1804

• slave trade abolished in 1808

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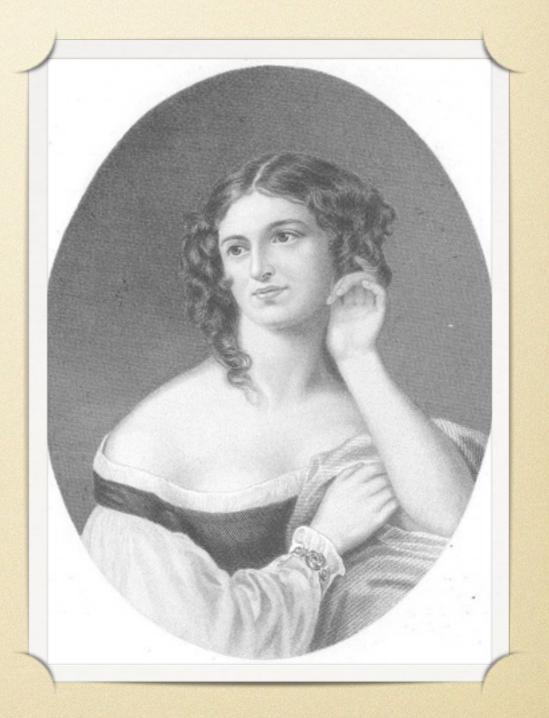
slavery in the South was growing
4 million slaves by 1860
1/3 to 1/2 of the southern population were slaves

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

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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