

## Activity 5: The Triangular Trade Route

### Introductory Discussion

- Give your pupils the list of traded commodities. Is there anything that surprises you about what people considered to be valuable trade goods? Why?
- Enslaved people were often described as cargo. Why? How do you feel about that?

Many goods and enslaved Africans were traded across the Atlantic. See if you can place the different labels correctly on the map to show where they came from.

Cut up the word labels to the right: there is a brief description of each one on this sheet to help you.

Answers are on page 3.

ENSLAVED WORKER	MAHOGANY	SUGAR
GUNS	POTTERY	TOBACCO
COTTON	BEADS	RICE
COFFEE	RUM	SHACKLES

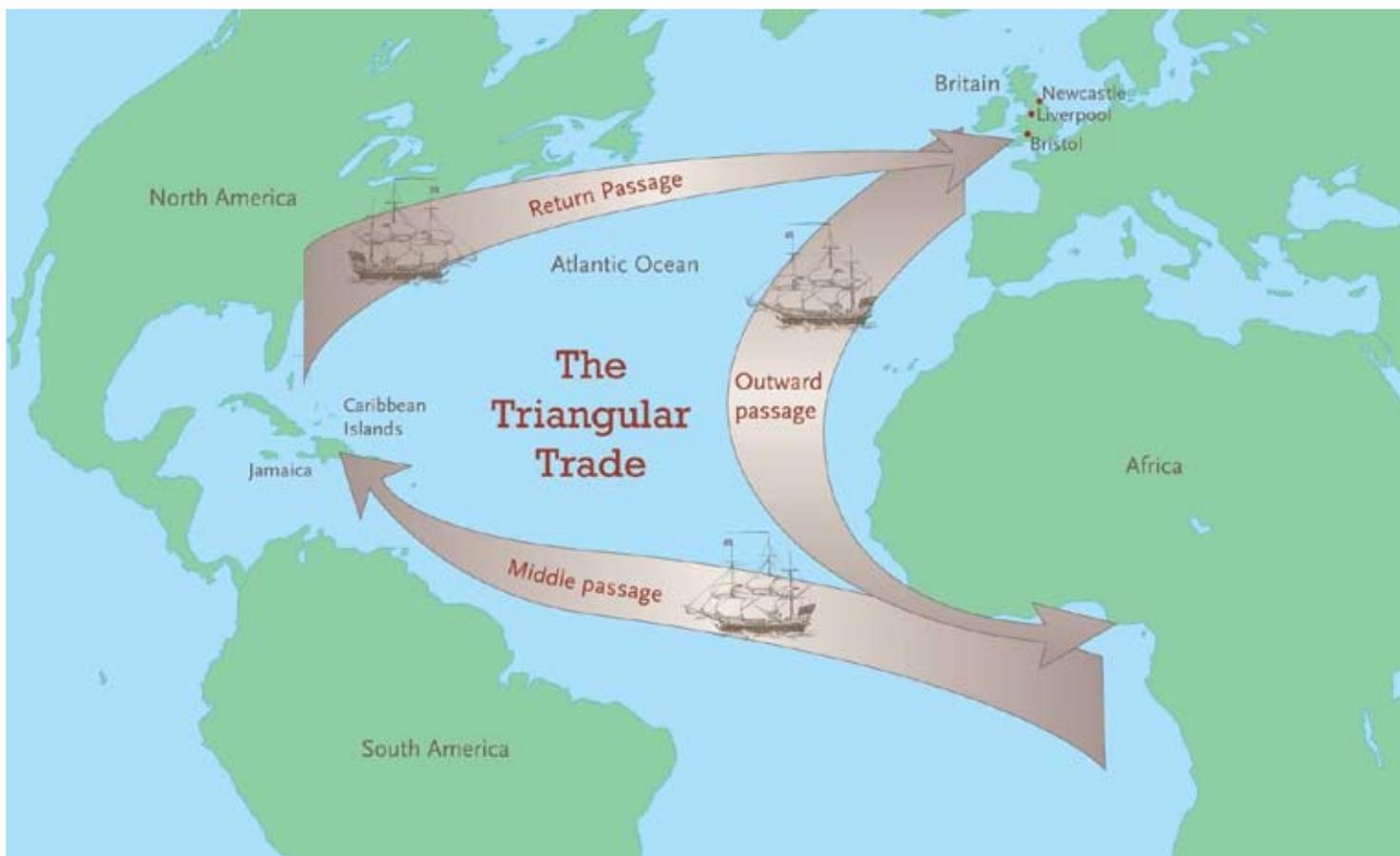
### Descriptions

<b>Enslaved Worker</b>	A person who has no rights, the property of another person	<b>Beads</b>	Glass beads were popular trading goods
<b>Sugar</b>	Sugar cane is grown in hot countries	<b>Rice</b>	Rice is a staple food commonly grown in areas with low labour costs and high rainfall
<b>Guns</b>	Weapons such as guns were sold and traded	<b>Coffee</b>	Raw coffee beans are grown in hot countries
<b>Pottery</b>	Pottery was produced and sold all over the world	<b>Rum</b>	Rum was a popular drink of sailors. Sugar is an ingredient of rum
<b>Tobacco</b>	Dried tobacco leaves are used for smoking, chewing or ground into powder for snuff which is inhaled through the nose	<b>Shackles</b>	Metal chains and restraints used to control enslaved Africans
<b>Cotton</b>	Raw cotton is often grown in plantations	<b>Mahogany</b>	A rich, dark hard wood mainly used for furniture

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Map showing the triangular trade route.

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## Activity 5: The Triangular Trade Route Answers

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<b>ENSLAVED WORKER</b>	• Africa to Caribbean Islands and Americas	<b>BEADS</b>	• Britain to Africa
<b>GUNS</b>	• Britain to Africa	<b>RUM</b>	• Caribbean Islands to Britain and Britain to Africa
<b>COTTON</b>	• Americas to Britain	<b>SUGAR</b>	• Caribbean Islands to Britain
<b>COFFEE</b>	• Americas to Britain	<b>TOBACCO</b>	• Americas to Britain
<b>MAHOGANY</b>	• Americas to Britain	<b>RICE</b>	• Americas and Caribbean Islands to Britain
<b>POTTERY</b>	• Britain to Africa	<b>SHACKLES</b>	• Britain to Africa, Caribbean Islands and Americas

### Note

This is a simplified version of trading routes; some goods were traded between all three countries and beyond. It is not a definitive list of trade goods, others include indigo, cloth and tea.