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Olaudah Equiano Cloze Challenge

To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like? - Isaiah 46:5

A number of words have been removed from the text and placed in a word bank. Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks in the text. Write the words in the blanks provided.

Olaudah Equiano was born into a wealthy [1]_____ family in [2]_____. His family was [3]_____. They lived far from the sea, in an area now part of [4]_____. Olaudah Equiano's father was a village [5]_____. Equiano grew up in a slave society. But it was a different kind of slavery, (possibly lawful according to the bible)

When he was [6]_____, Equiano & his sister were captured by African [7]_____ when they were left alone to mind the house.

The [8]_____ separated Equiano from his sister and sold him several times, from one African master to another. Were he learned how slavery in African differed from one society to another.

Equiano was traded again to be sold in American. His journey from Africa to America was called " [9]_____." Three or four hundred Africans were packed into the ship's [10]_____ which was so small you couldn't even stand up in it. Horrid conditions was prevalent, such as hot air, strong smell of sweaty human bodies & waste, disease and even death were common. The slaves were so tightly packed, it was hard to move or breathe.

[11]_____ of slave ship's Africans died during the voyage. The captain and crew did whatever they could do to keep, what they referred to as " [12]_____] _____" alive because slave meant profit. Anyone who tried to kill themselves were severely [13]_____.

Olaudah first arrived to be sold in [14]_____ were no one purchased him because he was still a young boy of [15]_____.

He was then shipped to a plantation in [16]_____. His new owner was a lieutenant in the British navy named [17]_____. Pascal gave him a new name: [18]_____. Equiano refused to answer to this name at first, but soon tolerated it because of many slaps for not responding to his new name. While under Pascal's control, Equiano learned to be a [19]_____, he spent time in [20]_____ and educate. He also fought for Britain in the Seven Years' War.

Later Olaudah was sold to [21]_____. He traveled to America and the West Indies. under the service to Mr. King that Olaudah was able to purchase his freedom, in [22]_____. He was twenty-one years of age at that time, as he started his own business.

As a freeman, he settled in [23]_____, attended school and assisted the scientist Dr. Charles Irving. His travels brought him to Turkey, Martinico, Georgia, Montserrat, Grenada, France, and even to the North Pole.

Equiano started travelling through Great Britain as an [24]_____ and author after publishing his [25]_____ .

He married his wife [26]_____ in [27]_____ and had two daughters; five years later Equiano died.

THE MIDDLE PASSAGE	NIGERIA	INTERESTING NARRATIVE	SUSANNA CULLEN
1766	IBO	CARGO	ELEVEN
12	MICHAEL HENRY PASCAL	1792	ROBERT KING
CHIEF	WEST AFRICAN	ABOLITIONIST	SLAVE TRADERS
CARGO DECK	25%	BARBADOS	12
VIRGINIA	ENGLAND	PUNISHED	SAILOR
SLAVE TRADERS	ENGLAND	1745	GUSTAVUS VASSA