**Geography Skills**

Analyze the maps in “Setting the Stage”. Then answer the following questions and fill out the map as directed.

1. Outline the border of the slave states on your map. Which rivers were along the border between slave states and free states? Locate and label them.

   The Ohio and Mississippi rivers were along the border between slaves and free states.

2. Locate and label each of the slave states. Which of them had the largest slave population in 1860?

   South Carolina had the largest slave population

   Which slave state had the least number of slaves? How can you tell?
   Delaware has the least number of slaves
   The key on the population map shows this information

3. Find the major slave trade centers on the map in your book. What role did these cities have in the slave trade?

   Slave trade centers were cities where large numbers of slaves were bought and sold.

   Which cities outside the slave states were involved in the slave trade?
   New York and Philadelphia were slave trade centers outside the slave states.

4. Which new slave states entered the Union between 1812 and 1845? Draw a star for each one.

   Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, and Texas entered the Union between 1812 and 1845.

5. Which three of the new slave states were most important to the growth and expansion of slavery? How can you tell?

   Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama were most important to slavery’s expansion and growth. This is shown by their high numbers of slaves on the slave population map.

6. From which three states were slaves sold in the slave market at Montgomery, Alabama, likely to have come? Write the state names here, and circle them on your map.

   Slaves sold in the slave market at Montgomery came largely from Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee.
7. In which two states were slaves sold in Kentucky likely to end up? Write the state names here, and shade them on your map.

   Slaves from Kentucky were most likely to end up in Tennessee and Mississippi.

8. How were slaves transported to be sold in the slave markets at Pensacola and New Orleans? From which states were they transported? Underline those state names.

   Slaves arrived in ships by sea from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and elsewhere in Florida.

9. Which slave market was probably the main source from which slaveholders in Arkansas purchased slaves? Label this slave trade center.

   Memphis was probably the main source for Arkansas slaveholders to purchase slaves.

Critical Thinking
Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

10. Why do you think most of the slaves sold to slaveholders in Texas arrived by sea?

   Most slaves sold to Texas probably arrived by sea because of the distances involved and the relative difficulty and challenges of transporting slaves over land.

11. Why do you think certain parts of the South had large numbers of slaves, while other parts did not?

   Areas with greater population or more agriculture probably had more slaves than other areas.

12. From the routes shown on the slave trade map, why would it have been easy for slave traders to illegally bring slaves into the United States from islands in the Caribbean?

   Possible answer: Transporting slaves by sea from the Atlantic coast through the Gulf of Mexico could allow ships carrying slaves from the Caribbean to mix in with ships carrying U.S. slaves to sell in Gulf coast slave markets like Pensacola and New Orleans.
The Slave Trade in the United States