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**Enslaving the millions: how did so many Africans become enslaved?**

Your task in this investigation is to decide how so many Africans became enslaved in the fifteenth to nineteenth centuries.

*Step 1: Recording the evidence*

First, you need to consider the methods by which Africans became slaves. Read each source in Case Study 1 and make notes about the things to consider. Once you have read a source, you might also find it helpful to record your thoughts in the table below.

Method	How are people enslaved?	Does this method work?

Now you need to consider the reasons why so many Africans were enslaved. Read each source in Case Study 2 and make notes about the things to consider. Once you have read a source, you might also like to record your thoughts in the table below.

Reason	What does it say about some people's attitude to slavery?

Look at all the reasons and try to decide an order of importance.

## *Step 2: Pulling it together*

Once you have finished making your notes, you should try to draw some conclusions using the evidence that you have collected. You can either write your own answer to the investigation or use the structure below as a guide.

*In 1444 the first public sale of African slaves took place in Portugal. By the nineteenth century over 12 million Africans had become enslaved. Most of these ended up many thousands of miles from home in the Americas working on plantations in dreadful conditions. The slave traders used various ways to capture Africans and enslave them.*

*One way was ..... [choose a method of capturing slaves and give a description of how it worked]*

*Traders also ..... [give another example]*

*Africans could also be enslaved by.... [give another example]*

*At first, most people did not think that there was anything wrong in using slaves. However, by the end of the eighteenth century some people started to say that slavery should be stopped. This forced supporters of slavery to find reasons to justify its use.*

*The most important reason that they gave was.... [use the reason you thought was most important]*

*They also said that... [give another reason]*

*Another reason for using slaves was.... [give another reason]*

*In conclusion, I think that the main reason why so many Africans were enslaved was .....*