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Class.....

'Miserable, desolate and discouraging': is this an accurate description of slave life?

Step 1: Recording the evidence

This investigation asks you to decide whether you agree with Booker T Washington's statement about slave life. Before giving an answer, you need to collect the evidence to support your argument. Once you have read the sources and thought about the things to consider, try making some notes in the table below.

	<i>Evidence of slaves being treated badly</i>	<i>Evidence of slaves being treated well</i>
Source 1		
Source 2		
Source 3		
Source 4		
Other sources of info		

Step 2: Giving an answer

Now that you have collected your evidence, it is time to answer the question. You can either write your own answer or use the structure below as a guide.

Booker T Washington described slave life as 'miserable, desolate and discouraging'. I think that [say whether you agree with the statement or not].

The first reason I have for thinking this is [choose the reason that you think is most important].

Another reason is [give another example or examples].

Some people think differently. They point out that [give an example of the opposite point of view].

They also argue that [give another example or examples].

However, I think that there is enough evidence to say that the Washington's description of slave life is/is not accurate. [Delete as appropriate.]