

OVERVIEW Section 3: The Slave System

Types of Slave Jobs

House slaves

Field hands

Life under Slavery

Living conditions

Punishment & slave codes

Folktales & spirituals

Nat Turner's Rebellion

Folktales – stories with a moral

Spirituals – emotional Christian songs that blend African and European music

Nat Turner's Rebellion – most violent slave revolt in the US, 1831

Nat Turner – slave who led the revolt against slaveholders

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Slaves worked at a variety of jobs on plantations

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- Most worked in the fields, where plantation owners used the gang-labor system.
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- Men, women, and children older than 10 were forced to do the same work from sunup to sundown with little concern for sickness and poor weather.

Other Types of Work Done by Slaves

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 - They often had better food, clothing, and shelter than field hands but usually had to work longer hours.
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Life under slavery was difficult and dehumanizing

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 - Families often separated with little hope of reunion.
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- Enslaved people often endured poor living conditions
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Slave culture centered around family, community, and religion

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Religion & Slavery

- Religion played an important part in slave culture.
 - By the early 1800s many slaves were Christians.
 - They believed they were like the Hebrew slaves in ancient Egypt and would someday have freedom.
 - Some slaves sang **spirituals** to express religious beliefs.

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Nat Turner's Rebellion

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- In 1831 Nat Turner, a slave, led a group of slaves in a plan to kill all slaveholders in the county,

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Slave uprisings led to stricter slave codes in many states

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