

## The Peculiar Institution

**Directions:** Use your textbook, the Internet, and other resources to answer the following questions on the nature of slavery in the antebellum South.

1. What is meant by being sold “down river” or “sold south”?
2. Why was the presence of slave markets in Washington, D.C. so controversial?
3. Describe the impact of the Nat Turner Rebellion on the institution of slavery.
4. What is the “positive good” argument of George Fitzhugh?
5. Describe the management of the Butler estate and slave conditions there. How did the plantation owner, the overseer, and the slaves relate to each other?
6. How did slavery affect poor whites?
7. Describe the typical slave family and religion.
8. What was the “Weeping Time”?
9. What are some of the antislavery arguments of the time?

10. Who agreed with William Lloyd Garrison's call for the immediate emancipation of slaves?
  
11. How did the Indian Removal Act impact the growth of slavery in the South?
  
12. What was the significance of the burning of Pennsylvania Hall by an angry mob of anti-abolitionists in 1838?
  
13. What was the significance of the book by Harriett Jacobs, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*?
  
14. What were the reactions in the North and the South to *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* and *Uncle Tom's Cabin*?
  
15. How did the Fugitive Slave Act affect the abolitionist movement?
  
16. What was the significance of the Dred Scott decision in terms of western settlement and rights of blacks?
  
17. What was Abraham Lincoln's message in his "House Divided" speech when he ran for the senate in 1858?
  
18. What was the most controversial part of the Compromise of 1850? Why?