



HOMEWORK

Fill in the blanks with the verbs in the preterit

An Example of Daily Life of a Slave in Agriculture in the 1800's

5:00am - We(wake up) in our windowless cabin to a loud horn blowing.

5:15am - We(cook) breakfast over the fire, usually consisting of cornmeal or flour porridge, and if we(be) lucky, with some added molasses.

5:45am - We(fill) gourds with water, pack supper, cold bacon and corn bread.

6:00am - We(get) to the field and begin working. We(be-not) late. When you're late, you get flogged. On the fields, the fear begins.

8:00am - We(work) hard. The sweat(stream) off our brows. When the master(come) by, whip in hand, we(cower).

9:30am - Do not to fall behind. Do not stand idly, even for a moment. That's how you(get) wipped. That's how you(get) lynched.

12:00pm - Our stomachs(growl) and our knees(feel) shaky but we(continue) working till we(be) exhausted under the bright, hot, sun.

2:00pm - Finally, we(stop) to eat, but only for 15 minutes. Don't rest too long and don't get caught talking.

2:15pm - We(work) until it(be) too dark to see.

10:00pm - At night we(bring) the day's cotton pickings to the storage house. Did we get 200 pounds? God, I(hope) we got 200 pounds.

10:30pm - We(sort) the cotton. Don't talk too much. Don't stop working.

11:00pm - When the master(walk) by, you had to keep your head down. He(be) drunk, with his friends again. Don't do anything to get his attention.

12:00pm - Done for the day. We(sit) on the porch, gathering ourselves before bed. We(not-want) to get too comfortable, we(not-want) to forget we(have) to get up with the sun tomorrow again, we(not-want) to be late. We(go) to bed, awaiting the fear to return the day after.