

## The Africans

The African people came to The Bahamas from **Africa**. They did not want to come. Cruel people took them away forcefully from their home. Their hands and ankles were chained. They were put in boats. Many Africans died on the long journey to our islands. When the Africans arrived, they were auctioned off at **Vendue House** in New Providence and then were made **slaves to work** on the plantations. The Africans had to do all the hard work. They were beaten or killed if they refused. They had to work all day, and they were never paid.

The slaves from West and Central Africa lived and worked on large farms called **plantations**. Much later, other Africans on their way to Cuba were freed from slavery by English ships. They also came to The Bahamas.

The people from West and Central Africa brought with them many **traditions** or things that they did while in Africa.

- One thing was their way of **preparing food**. From Nigeria they brought **dodo (fried plantains)** and from Gambia they brought **superkanj (okra soup)**.
- Another was saving money by **Asue**.

- Our **Junkanoo** also is something the Africans brought with them. This is a West African Tradition. The costumes and musical instruments used in Junkanoo are similar to those used in celebration in West and Central Africa.

The slaves had no freedom and had to do what their masters told them to do. The Africans in The Bahamas struggled to free themselves. After many years, people from many different nations around the world realize that slavery was wrong. These people were called **abolitionist**. They won their freedom in **1834**. It was called **emancipation**. We remember this day the first **Monday in August** every year.

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1. The African people came from  
 San Salvador       Africa

2. The people who took the Africans away from their homes were  
 cruel       peaceful

3. The Africans were made \_\_\_\_\_ when they arrived.  
 guest       slaves

4. They were \_\_\_\_\_ if they did not work.  
 sent home       beaten

5. Three traditions the Africans brought with them were  
 the pots, clothes, and houses  
 boats, cats and preparing food  
 preparing their food, Junkanoo, Asue

6. The Africans were made free in  
 1992  
 1934  
 1834

7. The day the Africans were freed is called

Christmas

Heroes Day

Emancipation Day

8. We celebrate Emancipation Day

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9. The slaves from West and Central Africa lived and worked on large farms called

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10. What is another name for plantains? \_\_\_\_\_

11. What is the name of the people who help people who are not treated fairly?

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