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Subject: History

Topic: African Slavery – Cloze Passage

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Instruction – use the words from the box to complete the cloze passage.

*sugar *contract * indentured * AIDS * China *money *tobacco *manual *population * expensive *tribal * world * European *Portugal Netherlands *slave *malaria *plantations *Barbados *African *cheap *country *Caribbean

Drinking tea had become a big habit in many _____ countries. There was a demand for _____ in Europe. The major European powers were _____, Britain, France and the _____. Persons from these countries owned huge _____in the New _____. In order to grow sugar cane, a large amount of _____ laborers were needed. Even though these plantations in the New World crew other crops like indigo, rice, cotton and tobacco, sugar was the main crop grown on the larger islands like Jamaica, _____ and in the Americas.

B. Colonists looked for cheap labor to help them grow more crops to make more money.

1. First they tried Native Americans
2. Then they tried Indentured Servants

II. Indentured Servants

A. Indentured Servants were usually poor people who wanted to come to the New World but could not afford to pay for their own way over.

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B. Landowners in America would pay the way for an Indentured Servant.

C. In exchange for passage to the New World, Indentured Servants would work for the land owner for a period of time

D. When an Indentured Servant had served his or her contract, he or she would be given a pair of clothes and some food and allowed to go and make a life for themselves in the New World. They were then called *freemen*.

After their _____was up, many of the _____ Servants left. They were not happy, working in the New World was not what they expected. Their contract was for 4 years. Every 4 years the plantation owners had to find a new group of indentured servants. This was too _____ for them. They want a reliable labor force, workers who were always there. That is when they went to Africa to take Africans as slaves. They would own them so they would always be on the plantations.

West Africa had a huge _____ that did not seen to dwindle no matter how many people were taken as slaves. Europeans thought that Africans were immune to tropical diseases such as _____.

Religious – Africans were pagans, Europeans believed that as Christians they had the right to enslave people who were not Christians.

_____wars had weaken West Africa and so it was for the Europeans to capture the Africans. Africans participated in trade by enslaving others, selling debtors and criminals, and kidnapping.

Economic – Paying for indentured Servant were expensive. It was much cheaper to buy an African as a slave because once purchase, the person was a slave for life. Any children that were born to slave also became a _____ for life.

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