

How did people experience the Middle Passage?

	Close reading	Corroboration	Reliability
	According to this document, what were 2-3 ways people experienced the Middle Passage?	How is this similar or different from the other documents?	Why might this be a reliable source to understand the Middle Passage? Why not?
Portugues Textbook	Dying of sickness, getting thrown overboard, or surviving.	Similar, all groups involved showcased the living conditions of the slaves.	This text book does not seem reliable, as they claim that it was just as hard for the crew as it was for the slaves.
Slave Ship Captain	The captain says that the crew suffered as much as the slaves. And that the slaves lived in horrid conditions	This is similar to the viewpoint of the portugues textbook.	No as it is a biased report from the captain of one of these ships. He will most likely write it in a way that makes the reader sympathize with them.
Slave Ship Doctor	The ship's doctor says that the slaves are kept so close together that disease spreads quickly	The conditions on the ship are similar to the others with horrid living conditions.	more reliable than the others as he goes on to become part of the anti slavery society, but still biased.
Slave Ship Diagram	this shows how the slaves are packed into the hull like sardines and how many there were in a single boat.	it agrees with most of the accounts in the way that the slaves are kept.	This is a very reliable source as it was probably built and as it is not stating anything it can't be biased
Autobiography of a Former Slave	getting beaten by the crew, living in filth, and forced to eat.	This shows another viewpoint and shows how the crew would beat the slaves	Even though it is written from a different viewpoint, it still has bias, but is an interesting prospective.

Final Question

What do these documents show about what the experience was like for a slave coming to the New World? Write a TIQA paragraphs using evidence from two different sources in your response.

1. After Olaudah Equiano's voyage as a slave across the middle passage, he recalls it in his book. During an excursion to the top of the ship he sees this "One white man in particular I saw, when we were permitted to be on deck, flogged so unmercifully with a large rope near the foremast, that he died" This shows the harsh conditions that were common occurrence on their voyage. The slaves were not allowed basic human rights and were treated as animals. What they endured was borderline torture.