Questions for Thought and Discussion

- How did the Atlantic Slave Trade begin and why?
- Why were Africans enslaved in America? Why not Europeans or Native Americans?
- What role did northern colonies and states play in slavery?
- How could Africans and African Americans accept Christianity when it was the religion of their enslavers? What did Christianity mean to them?
- How could white Americans, who prided themselves on cherishing freedom and equality, hold other humans as slaves?
- If slaves were oppressed, how could they create music and other cultural productions?
- What methods did people use to resist their enslavement?
- The year 1831 proved to be quite significant in the history of American slavery. Why?
- Why didn’t slaves simply overthrow whites, especially in places such as South Carolina where they were in the majority?
- What was the relationship between the development of slavery and the development of racism in America?

Other books by the author


Further Reading
Please refer to the further reading section at the back of *American Slavery: A Very Short Introduction*. 