

King Cotton and the Plantation System

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Understanding the Southern Economy and Slavery

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned in the lesson.

1. What was the primary cash crop of the Southern economy?

- A. Tobacco
- B. Cotton
- C. Rice

2. Plantation owners relied on free labor to grow cotton.

- True False

3. How did cotton production impact slavery in the South?

4. The cotton economy led to an unjust system because it relied on the ____ of enslaved people.

5. What was one motivation for plantation owners to grow cotton?

- A. To help the poor
- B. To increase their wealth
- C. To provide jobs for free people

6. God's view of human dignity is that all people are equal in Christ.

- True False

7. Explain how Christians might respond to systemic injustice based on the lesson.

8. According to Proverbs 22:16, oppressing the poor in order to increase wealth will lead to ____ .

9. How did the plantation system affect the lives of enslaved people?

- A. They had personal freedom
- B. They had economic opportunities
- C. They had no personal freedom

10. Why is it important to develop empathy for those affected by systemic injustice?

Answer Key

1. Cotton 2. False 3. Cotton production increased the demand for enslaved labor, leading to more people being enslaved to work on plantations. 4. oppression 5. To increase their wealth 6. True 7. Christians can respond by advocating for equality and standing up against oppression, as God values all people equally. 8. poverty 9. They had no personal freedom 10. Developing empathy helps us understand the struggles of others and motivates us to work for justice and equality.