

American Literature
Study Guide - Olaudah Equiano.tgt

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Read over the questions below and think about the ideas in the selection. Then answer each question in one or more sentences.

1. What are some of the emotions Equiano experiences when he is first aboard the slave ship?

2. Why is Equiano allowed to stay mostly on deck?

3. Why does Equiano feel a little better when he hears that he will work for white people?

4. How does the crew's disposal of their leftover fish show their cruelty?

5. Why does the system of selling slaves cause Equiano to call buyers "nominal Christians"?

Answer one of the following questions based on your understanding of the selection. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper.

6. How do you account for the attitude and behavior of the Europeans toward the Africans as described in this selection?
7. Some of the Africans described in this selection prefer death to slavery, while others do not. Give at least two reasons for each of these attitudes.