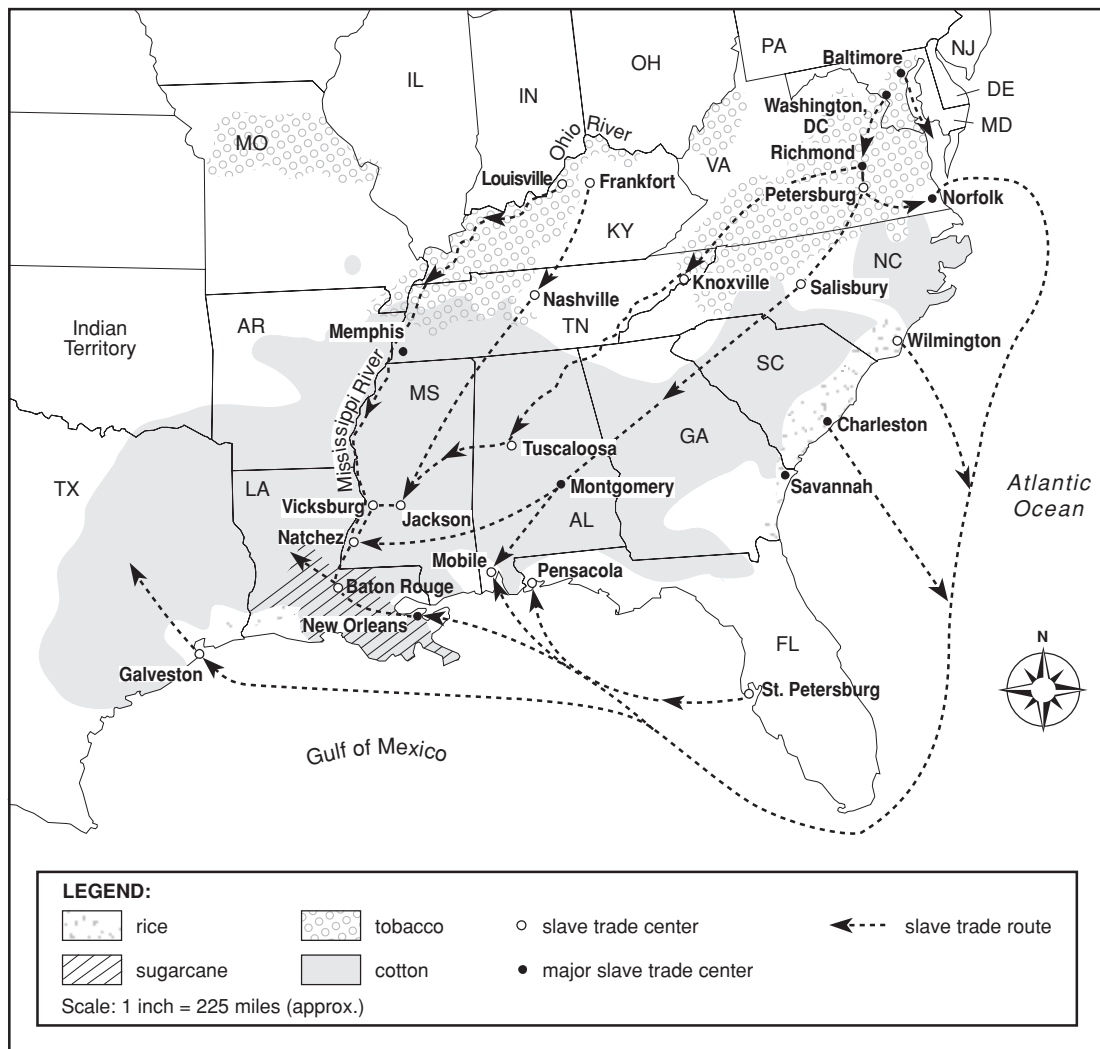


Cotton in the South

Tobacco was the South's first major cash crop. When Eli Whitney perfected the cotton gin in 1793, however, cotton became king. A farmer needed only land and labor—or slaves—to raise a cotton crop. By 1860 cotton accounted for more than half of all U.S. exports.



MAP ACTIVITY

1. On the map, use a bright color to show where cotton was produced in the South.
2. Use a different bright color to show where tobacco was produced in the South.
3. On the map, mark with an S all the slave trade centers.
4. Update the map legend to reflect the colors you added to the map.

ANALYZING MAPS

1. Place List the states where cotton was grown in the South.

2. Interpreting Why do you think cotton was grown in the South and not the North?

3. Location Which cities became major port cities in the South because of the slave trade?

4. Drawing Inferences How do you think cotton, tobacco, and other crops were shipped to their destinations?

5. Human/Environment Interaction What is the significance of the proximity of slave trade centers to the cotton-growing plantations?
