

Questions related to The Grimké Sisters on Slavery

1. Did the laws of Moses and the slave codes both deprive slaves of all their rights?
2. Identify the two biblical precepts that were at odds with American slavery.
3. Were female slaves ever purchased for any other reason than to work? Explain.
4. Why do you think a beautiful female *mulatto* would fetch such a high price?
5. Did slaveholding fathers ever sell their own daughters, and did slaveholding brothers ever sell their own half-sisters?
6. How did the sleazy behavior of some slaveholding men affect white Southern women?
7. Discuss how the North's fear of racial amalgamation helped perpetuate slavery.
8. The North purchased the South's cotton, sugar, and rice. As a region, the South was agricultural and possessed very little manufacturing. The North had a growing manufacturing sector and even produced the whip used by overseers on southern plantations. Describe how attuned the northern manufacturer of the whip was to the needs of the overseers.