

## **True/False Questions related to Mungo Park on Slavery in Africa**

Based on the excerpt from Park's book, indicate whether each statement is true or false.

1. Park estimated that slaves made up twenty-five percent of Africa's population.
2. Slaves taken in war usually received better treatment than domestic slaves.
3. There were regular markets within Africa where slaves were bought and sold.
4. The Atlantic slave trade, involving European buyers of African slaves, could be viewed as a subset of all the slavery in Africa.
5. The vast majority of slaves for the Atlantic trade were brought to the coast in large caravans from inland countries.
6. European buyers often traveled to the interior of Africa as part of the slave trade.
7. An African was born a slave if his or her father was a slave at the time of their birth.
8. Black slave-merchants would purchase slaves in the interior countries and then bring them to the coast for sale to Europeans.
9. Park surmised that slavery in Africa originated through wars in the distant past.
10. It was a known fact that prisoners of war in Africa became slaves of the conquerors.

11. African kingdoms tended to avoid war with each other whenever possible.
12. Prisoners of war in Africa were never put to death but always enslaved.
13. During a famine, Africans who were free might volunteer to become slaves in order to obtain food.
14. During a famine, African parents might sell a child or two to purchase provisions for the rest of the family.
15. If an African merchant could not repay a debt, he could easily be enslaved.
16. The most common way for someone who had been enslaved to regain freedom was by escaping.
17. Park believed that slavery was first introduced to Africa by the Arab Muslims when they conquered the northern part of the continent during the early Middle Ages.
18. Park believed that the abolition of the Atlantic slave trade would also bring slavery within Africa to an end.