

APUSH Research Paper UNIT 1

Prompt Chosen: Compare and contrast indentured servitude with slavery as labor systems in the 1600s in the British North American colonies.

Draft Thesis: Although slaves and indentured servants were used in different parts of the world for different purposes, the one thing both slaves and indentured servants faced was brutality, neglect and lack of basic rights.

Primary Source #1: Gottlieb Mittelberger “On the Misfortune of Indentured Servants” (1754).

<http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/documents/1600-1650/gottlieb-mittelberger-on-the-misfortune-indentured-servants.php> [accessed September 8, 2018].

- I found this source while I was looking up primary sources for indentured servants. I chose to use this one because I believe that it accurately represents the encounters the indentured servants have experienced.
- I know that this source I have chosen is a valid source because I have researched both the document and Gottlieb Mittelberger, and have learned that he is a German man who was travelling to Philadelphia in order to be a school master. He was on the same ship that the indentured servants were on. He wrote down his thoughts about everything that was going on in his diary which was later on published.

- This is relevant to my paper because it displays how the indentured servants were treated.

Gottlieb who is a free German man talks about how these men and women are treated like animals. This document truly exemplifies how harsh the conditions were if someone who was free was talking about the inequalities the indentured slaves faced.

Textbook: Henretta, James A., Eric Foner, Rebecca Edwards, and Robert O. Self.

America's History. 8th ed. Mary V. Dougherty, 2014.

- I accessed this source through our school. The textbook provides numerous examples of slavery and indentured slaves in different parts of the world such as in the Chesapeake region, Africa, and so much more. By using the textbook it allows me to evaluate the different conditions slaves in different parts of the world faced.
- I know that this textbook is valid source due to the fact it is issued to students worldwide and we use it in our class. Schools would not issue a book which states incorrect information, and this is why I am going to use the *America's History* textbook to further support and develop my claims.
- The text in the book *America's History* talks about indentured servants and slaves. While reading the book, I can construct a T-chart and list the similarities and differences between the two labor systems. The textbook is relevant to my paper because it lists the causes and effects of both and state how both systems came to be.

Primary Source #2: Moller, Jon K. "Excerpts from Slave Narratives - Chapter 1." Excerpts from Slave Narratives - Chapter 39. Accessed September 09, 2018.

<http://www.vgskole.net/prosjekt/slavrute/1.htm>.

- I found this source by looking up “primary sources on slavery in british colonies 17th century”. This website provides a countless amount of excerpts from different slaves and slave owners. The authors of the original document are cited along with the time they wrote it, and a description of who wrote it. This allows for the readers to understand the narrator's perspective and have the ability to evaluate the time period where it occurred.
- By analyzing their texts, I had the opportunity to evaluate the credibility of this source. I read through their articles and also looked up the documents and authors of the original excerpt separately in order to check the authenticity between the documents. Only to see, that this source was citing the work correctly along with not paraphrasing anything between the documents.
- This source is relevant to my paper because the texts allows for me to differentiate the lives of the slaves and indentured servants. Both my primary sources come from people who witnessed both acts however did not personally experienced them. These excerpts help me understand what it was like to be someone witnessing these atrocities however not being able to do anything about it. It develops how horrible these conditions were. These excerpts are a non-bias point of view.

Secondary Source #1: "From Indentured Servitude to Racial Slavery." PBS. Accessed

September 09, 2018. <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part1/1narr3.html>.

- I found this source while looking for a secondary source for this research paper. I was examining at a whole bunch of other websites but this particular website stood out to me

because I remember watching their TV network when I was younger. I read this article and it thoroughly described the events which occurred for both indentured servants and slaves.

- Out of all the possible sources, I chose this one because it not only talks about indentured servants however also slaves. It displays both perspectives and analyzes them. The author of the articles talks about how slaves had the ability to attain their freedom by converting their religion. This is something which the other articles had not talked about so far, and that is why I am really intrigued by this article and am extremely excited to use it in my paper.
- This article relates to my paper because it talks about the requirements and harsh condition both (indentured servants and slaves) faced. The article specifically refers to the British colony of Virginia.

Secondary Source #2: History.com Staff. "Slavery in America." History.com. 2009. Accessed September 9, 2018. <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/slavery>.

- I found this source because while looking at PBS website, I remembered there a channel that my history teachers would always put on when they did not feel like teaching. I searched the site and entered "slavery and indentured servants in the 17th century", and this article came. I proceeded to then read the context and noticed how it gave incredibly detailed text about the background of slavery and how it ended.

- I chose this source because it identifies all the key factors the slaves had dealt with. It is going to help me investigate and identify the differences between both the labor systems. It not only gives me the context ,however, the article evaluates it also.
- This article relates to my paper because it talks about how slavery started and the effects which it had on America. I can not only use this as contextual evidence ,however, also to further understand all the slave rebellions and acts which were placed on the slaves.