

Modern Slavery

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Quick Facts



- Modern slavery still exists today.
- 10 million children are in slavery across the world
- There are estimated 40.3 million people in modern slavery around the world.
- Modern slavery can affect people of any age, gender or race.

Vocabulary



Slavery



Slavery is the system by which people are owned by other people as slaves.

Chattel

A personal possession

Relationships



The way in which two or more people or things are connected, or the state of being connected.

Online safety



The knowledge of maximising the user's personal safety and security risks on private information and property associated with using the internet.

Stereotype

A stereotype is a fixed general image or set of characteristics that a lot of people believe represent a particular type of person or thing.

Abolition



The action of abolishing a system, practice, or institution.

Unhealthy



(of a person's attitude or behaviour) not sensible or well balanced.

Barriers



A barrier is something such as a rule, law, or policy that makes it difficult or impossible for something to happen or be achieved.

Discrimination



The unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people.

Timeline



1792- Denmark was the first country to ban the slave trade.
1789 - UK bans slavery
1807 - The abolitionists achieved their aim - the slave trade was abolished.
1833- Slavery was abolished throughout the British Empire.

Impact



Although slavery is illegal in every country in the modern world, it still exists, and even on the narrowest definition of slavery it's likely that there are far more slaves now than there were victims of the Atlantic slave trade.

The last country to abolish slavery was the African state of Mauritania, where a 1981 presidential decree abolished the practice; however, no criminal laws were passed to enforce the ban. In August 2007 Mauritania's parliament passed legislation making the practice of slavery punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Today, slavery doesn't only come in the obvious form in which one person owns another person (which is traditionally called 'chattel slavery'). Other practices that amount to slavery include:

- Bonded labour or debt bondage
- Serfdom
- Forced labour
- Child slavery
- Marital slavery

Even today there are approximately 14,000 people in Britain being treated as slaves and 40-45 million across the world.

Case study - Girl Rising: Educate girls. Change the World
Girl Rising uses the power of storytelling to change the way the world values girls and their education. There are millions of girls around the world who face barriers that boys don't: missing from classrooms, married as children, abused, domestic slavery, trafficked and discriminated against. Simply because they are girls.

Surrounding Chronology



Ancient Egypt
4500BC - 2500BC

Romans
753BC - AD455

Vikings
AD 793 - AD 1066

Ancient Greece
776BC - 146BC

Anglo-Saxons
AD 449 - AD 1066

Modern Britain
AD 1945 - NOW

