

Prompt:

Whether slavery was ultimately a system of labor exploitation or one of racial hierarchy, it was nonetheless a systematic means to oppress an entire race for generations, transforming a people into property for the economic and social benefit of others. Yet no population can be completely transformed into chattel. As thoroughly as American society attempted this through legal and social means, African Americans resisted in the face of oppression.

Analyze the means of oppression used to establish and maintain the slave system in Antebellum America, and evaluate the response of slaves as resistance to such oppression.

Basics:**Structure:**

- ⊗ 6-8 Typed Pages, double-spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman font
- ⊗ Organized around a thoroughly developed Thesis Statement
- ⊗ MLA Parenthetical Citations & Bibliography

Content:

- ⊗ Must effectively draw on and quote:
 - ⊕ Primary Sources: Slave Narratives, Slave Charts or Virginia Slave Codes
 - ⊕ Secondary Sources: *Roll, Jordan, Roll* by Eugene Genovese or *Soul by Soul* by Walter Johnson

Due Dates:**Outline or Rough Draft (50 pts):****Monday, November 30**

- ⊗ If you choose the **Outline option**:
 - ⊕ Must include a Thesis Statement & Topic Sentences in proper sentence structure;
 - ⊕ Must briefly explain the argument in each Body Paragraph;
 - ⊕ Must include the quotes or references to Primary & Secondary Documents you plan to use.
- ⊗ If you choose the **Rough Draft format**:
 - ⊕ Must include all of the content indicated in the Outline format;
 - ⊕ Should be a true Rough Draft of your entire paper, not just a rough idea.

Final Draft (100pts):**Friday, December 18.**