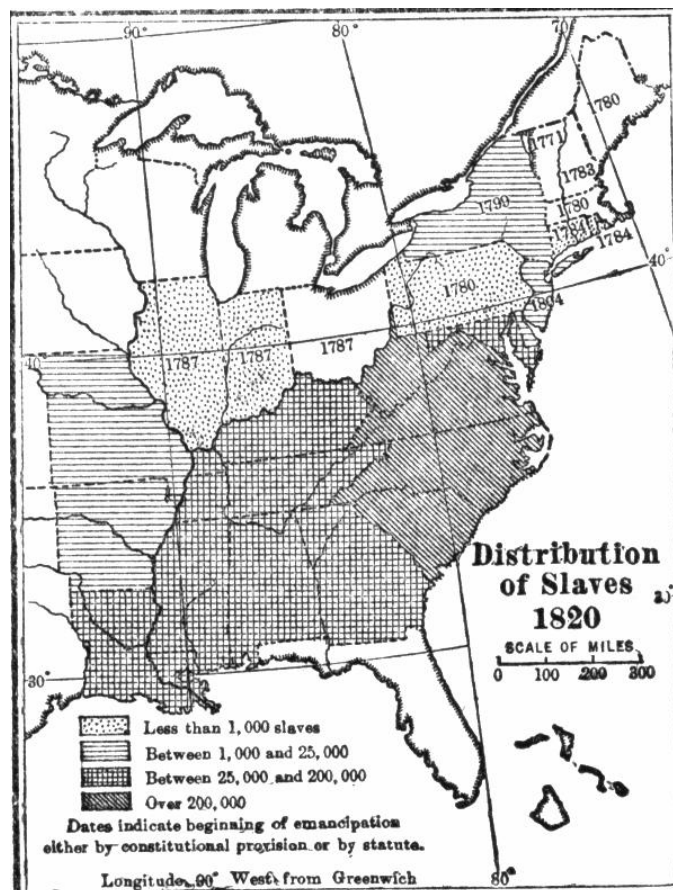


The Hook

The Distribution of Slaves: 1820

Thomas Jefferson was the “architect” of several of the Northwest Ordinances; plans to control the sale and population of newly acquired lands following the Revolutionary War. Despite being a slave owner himself, he called for the new lands to be free of slave labor. By 1820, after his own presidency, the United States had grown and struggled with the slave issue. The map depicts the condition of the slave populations at that time.

Directions: Examine the map and answer the questions that follow.



Questions:

1. What generalization can you make about the distribution of slaves in the United States in 1820?
2. Are there any states on the map that have information that surprises you? Explain.

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3. Thomas Jefferson helped to write the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. How was slavery treated in those areas?

4. Thomas Jefferson helped to secure the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. How was slavery treated in that area?

5. How might this map be used as proof to help answer the question, “Where Did Thomas Jefferson Stand on the Issue of Slavery?”