

AP United States History

Plantations and Slavery Continued

- Education in the United States
 - Schooling beyond literacy was only available to the wealthy
 - Public schools were underfunded
 - By 1860, $\frac{1}{2}$ of illiterates lived in the south
 - Against the law to teach slaves the ability to read and write
- Forms of resistance by slaves
 - Running away
 - Feigning illness
 - Working slowly
 - violence
 - sabotage
- Nat Turner leads a slave rebellion in Virginia in 1831
 - 55 whites were killed and he and his conspirators were sentenced to death
 - Turns Southerners from apologetic of slaves to defenders of the institution
 - Increased enforcement of slave codes
 - Gag Rule 1836: Congress couldn't talk about slavery