

AMISTAD QUESTIONS

1. List the five groups that argued the issue of the 44 of the *Amistad*.
2. Define Abolitionists.
3. List two of the arguments that the five groups claimed they owned the 44.
4. Explain the argument that they are not legally slaves.
5. Why did the President change the judge? What political implications did it have?
6. How did the 44's attorney find a way to communicate with them?
7. Why is Cinque chosen as the group's leader?
8. Describe the Middle Passage of the slave trade.
9. How did the 2nd judge rule?
10. Why did the case go to the Supreme Court?
11. What was the argument that John Quincy Adams use in front of the Supreme Court?
12. What kind of reception did Cinque have when he returned to Africa?
13. What was the theme or reason for telling the story?

Explain the following characters in the film.

President John Quincy Adams

President Martin Van Buren

Tappan

Joadson

Baldwin

Cinque

Ens. Covey

Ruiez and Montez

Isabella II of Spain