



Tuesday

Ch 31 Carry Me Back to Ole Virginny

Name LOZ

1. What laws did Virginians pass regarding slaves and black people?

- * It was against the law to free slaves
- * It was against the law for black people to own land.
- * Also it was against the law to teach black people ^{to} read.

2. Why did tobacco farmers need so much land? Farmers needed so much land

because to succeed in a tobacco economy, you need to

rest the land every few years. That means you need to own a lot of
land.

Because some of the land is rested and some of it is planted.

3. A paradox is a puzzle because it often appears to be contradictory or beyond explanation.

Explain what the paradox was in Colonial Virginia.

The paradox of slavery in Virginia is that they wrote constitutions
that wrote about freedom but they didn't let the slaves have any.

4. An observer who saw some slaves trying to rebel against their owner wrote:

The ill Treatment which this unhappy part of mankind receives here, would almost justify them in
Any desperate attempt for gaining that Civilitie, and Plenty which tho' denied them, is here commonly
Bestowed on Horses!

Rewrite the statement in your own words.

The treatment the slave gets from mankind makes it okay
to fight for ^{his} civil rights, but they treat the horses better than
they treat him.

Good!

5. Life for plantation owners and slaves in Virginia was very different.

Write each phrase listed below in the correct column.

bought land

~~lived in a mansion~~

~~made barrels~~

~~picked tobacco~~

~~not allowed to read~~

~~controlled other people's lives~~

~~lived in a cabin~~

~~bought and sold humans~~

~~dried and cured tobacco~~

~~made profits~~

Planters

Slaves

bought and sold humans	not allowed to read
controlled other people's lives	made barrels
bought land	lived in a cabin
made profits	picked tobacco
lived in a mansion	dried and cured tobacco

6. Imagine you are an 18th century lawyer in Virginia. You are defending a plantation owner who has defied the law by teaching an enslaved person to read. Write a brief speech explaining why the plantation owner should not be punished.

I think the plantation owner should not be punished because they are humans also and they deserve the same rights. Not just to be slaves and not to have any rights. They are humans too. Why should we get all the rights but they are just slaves and get the right to do anything. In my opinion I think slaves should be free.