

The Middle Passage and Maroon Communities

“No Distempers either epidemical or mortal”

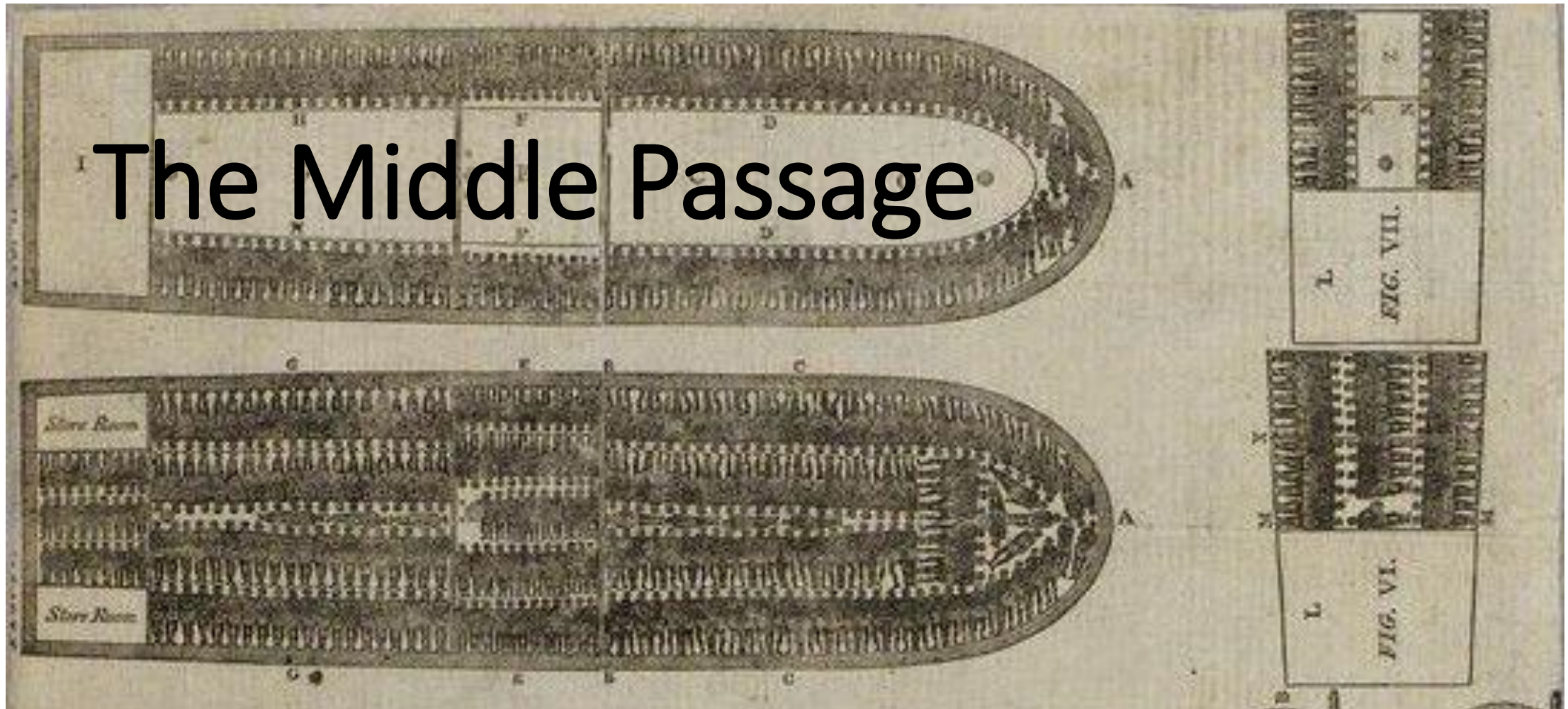
- Indian Slavery Reading
- “Slavery occurred in most Indian societies, but the institution differed from place to place”
- Guns: “demand fed demand in a vicious cycle”
- Malaria

Maroon Listening – “The Great Dismal Swamp”

- Within your groups, discuss
 - What stood out from your listening?
 - How did this information support, modify, or refute your prior knowledge?
 - One of the final points made in the documentary is that the emphasis of the underground railroad over the Maroon communities is due to racism. To what degree do you think this is a fair criticism?

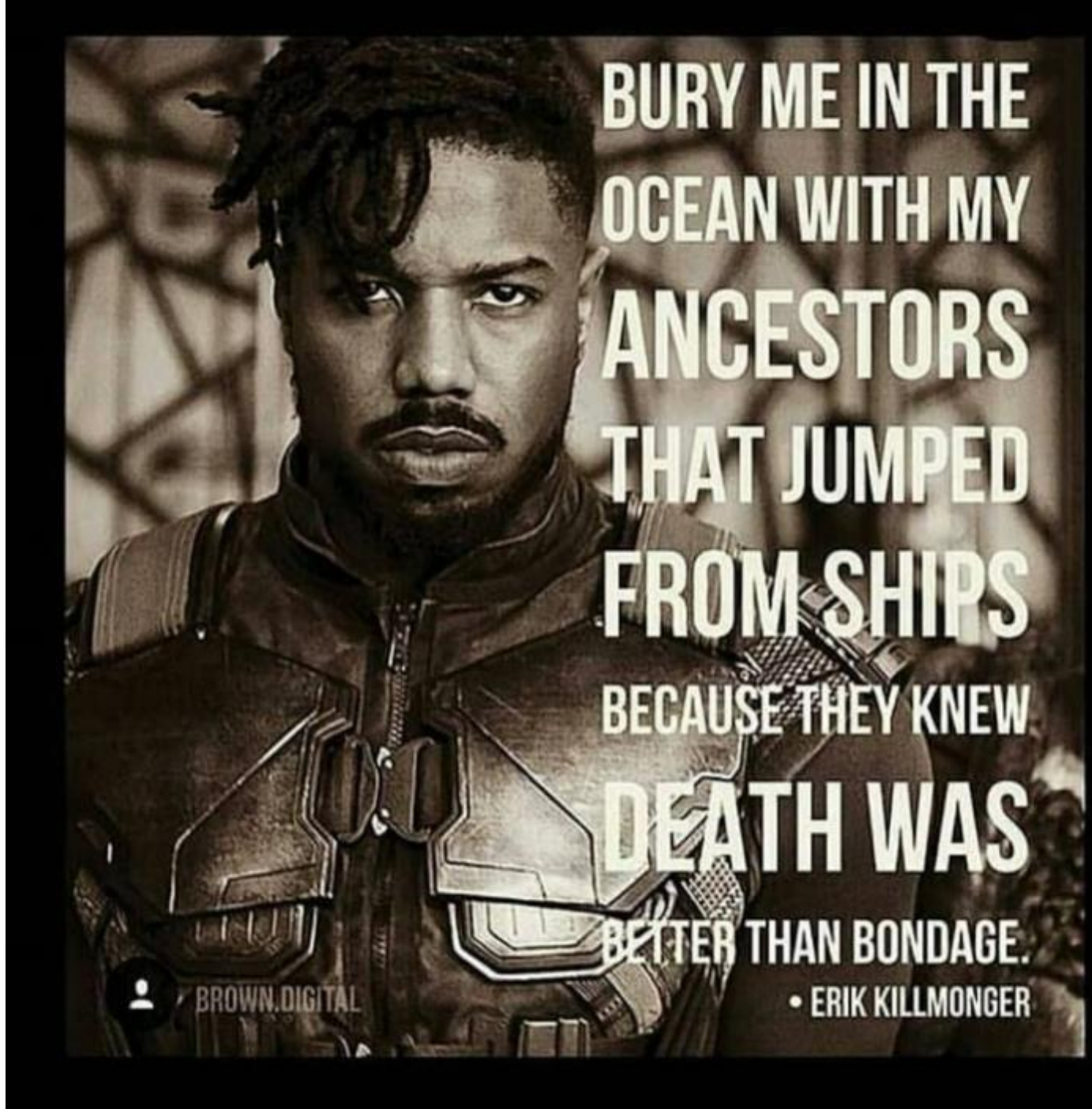


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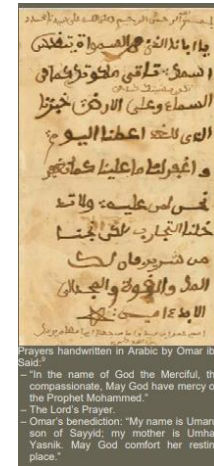
- How does this support/modify/refute your prior knowledge?
- What is revealed by the mercantile patterns described in the text? Are these practiced today?
- What stands out about Rev. Newton?

- Graphic novel by Rebecca Hall



Omar Ibn Said

- Only known Arabic-language autobiography written by an enslaved person in the U.S.
- “Wicked men took me by violence and sold me to the Christians. We sailed a month and a half on the great sea to the place called Charleston in the Christian land. I fell into the hands of a small, weak and wicked man, who feared not God at all, nor did he read (the gospel) at all nor pray. I was afraid to remain with a man so depraved and who committed so many crimes and I ran away. After a month our Lord God brought me forward to the hand of a good man, who fears God, and loves to do good, ... These are two excellent men — I am residing in Bladen County. “



Prayers handwritten in Arabic by Omar Ibn Said.
- In the name of God the Merciful, the compassionate, May God have mercy on the Prophet Mohammed.
- The Lord's Prayer.
- Omar's benediction: "My name is Umaru, son of Saayik, my mother is Ummah Yashik. May God comfort her resting place."



Restored Arabic cover page of Omar's Bible, purchased for him in 1819 by the Owen family. Earlier the Owen family had purchased a translated copy of the Koran to help Omar improve his English.

