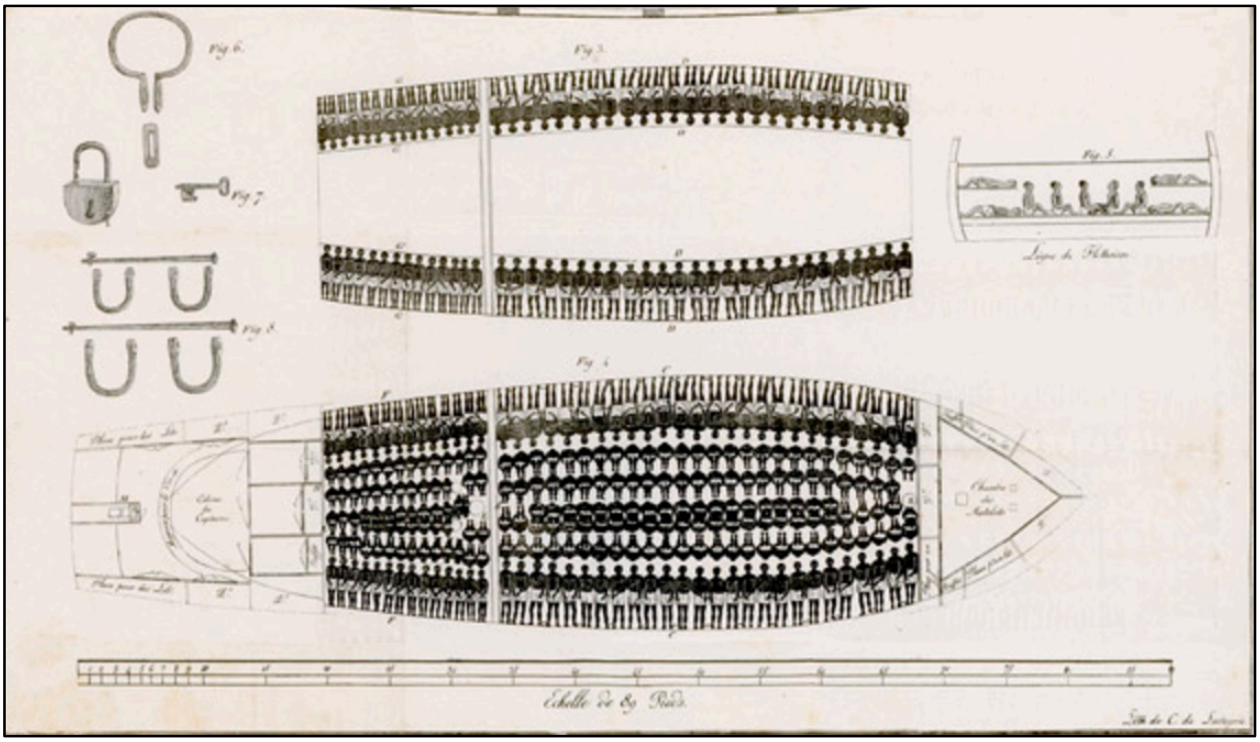
African Slave Trade



Plan of the slave ship *Vigilante* (1822) (Courtesy of Voyages database)

Word cloud created from Kolchin's *American Slavery* (1993), chap. 1

"Some wet and blowing weather having occasioned the port-holes to be shut and the grating to be covered, fluxes and fevers among the negroes ensued. While they were in this situation, I frequently went down among them till at length their rooms became so extremely hot as to be only bearable for a very short time… The floor of their rooms, was so covered with the blood and mucus which had proceeded from them in consequence of the flux, that it resembled a slaughterhouse … Numbers of the slaves having fainted they were carried upon the deck where several of them died and the rest with great difficulty were restored."
--Alexander Falconbridge (1788)

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