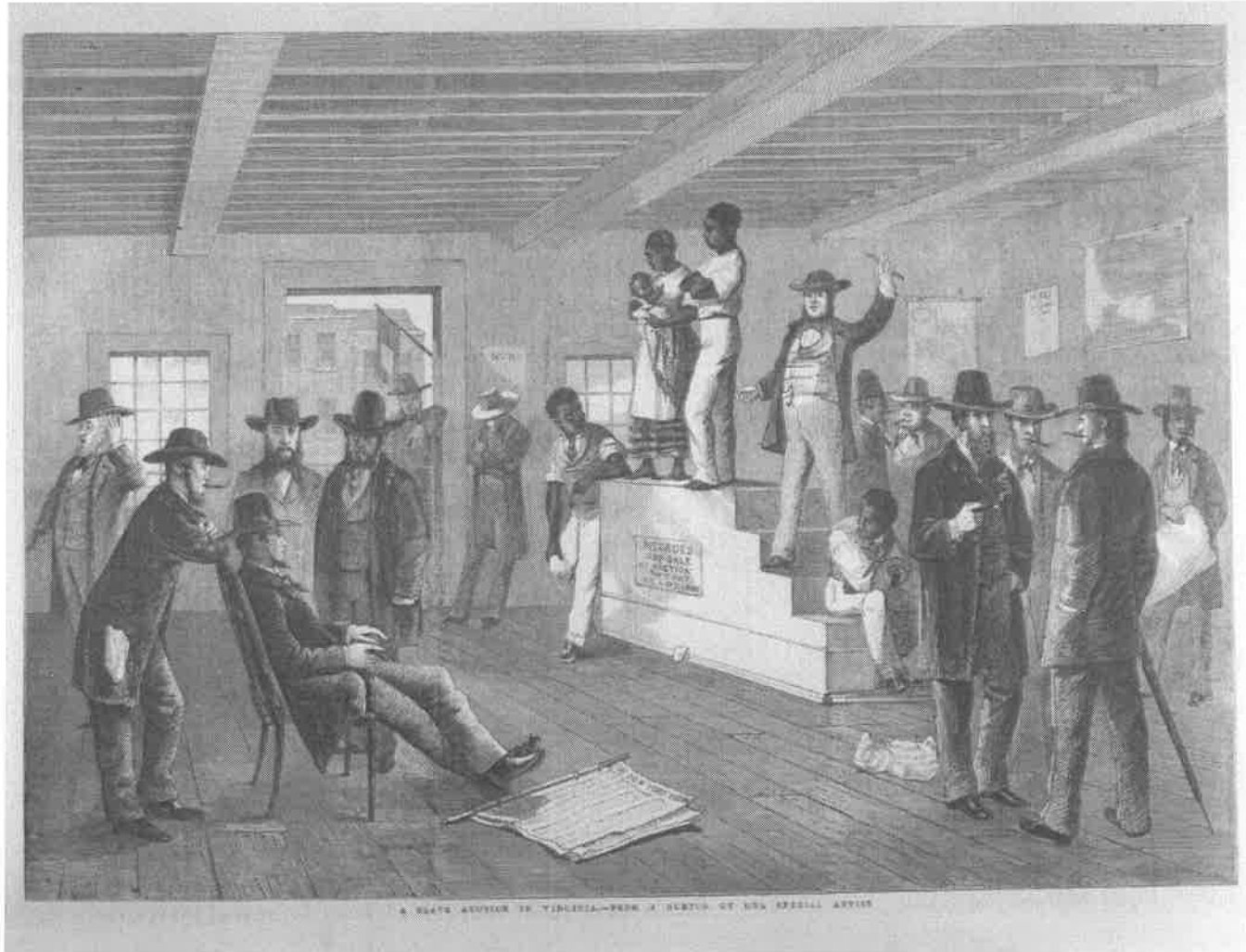


Station C – Document 1

Olaudah Equiano was captured and sold as a slave in Benin. He wrote about his experiences in *The Life of Olaudah Equiano the African* (1789):

“We were conducted immediately to the merchant's yard, where we were all pent up together without regard to sex or age. We were not many days in the merchant's custody before we were sold after their usual manner, which is this: On a signal given, the buyers rush at once into the yard where the slaves are confined, and make choice of that parcel they like best. In this manner are relations and friends separated, most of them never to see each other again. I remember, in the vessel in which I was brought over, in the men's apartment, there were several brothers, who, in the sale, were sold in different lots; and it was very moving on this occasion, to see and hear their cries at parting. O, ye nominal Christians! might not an African ask you—Learned you this from your God, who says unto you, ‘Do unto all men as you would they do unto you?’”

Station C – Document 2



Station C – Document 3

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl by Harriet Ann Jacobs was published a little over 150 years ago. Particularly chilling is her description of when she witnessed a slave auction:

“On one of these sale days, I saw a mother lead seven children to the auction block. She knew that *some* of them would be taken from her; but they took *all*. The children were sold to a slave-trader, and their mother bought by a man in her own town. Before night her children were all far away. She begged the trader to tell her where he intended to take them; this he refused to do. How *could* he, when he knew he would sell them, one by one, wherever he could command the highest price? I met that mother in the street, and her wild, haggard face lives to-day in my mind. She wrung her hands in anguish, and exclaimed, “Gone! All gone! Why *don't* God kill me?” I had no words wherewith to comfort her. Instances of this kind are of daily, yea, of hourly occurrence.”

Station C – Document 4

From Harper's Weekly in 1861:

The speaker stood on an empty deal packing-case. "N-i-n-e h-hun-nerd and fifty dollars ! Only nine h-hun-nerd and fifty dollars offered for him!" exclaimed the man. "Will no one make any advance on nine hundred and fifty dolloars?" A man near me opened his mouth, spat, and said, "Twenty-five." "Only nine hundred and seventy-five dollars offered for him! Why, at's radaklous—only nine hundred and seventy-five dollars! Will no one?" Beside the orator auctioneer stood a stout young man of five-and-twenty years of age, with a bundle in his hand. He was a muscular fellow, broad-shouldered, narrow-flanked, but rather small in stature; he had on a broad, greasy, old wide-awake, a blue jacket, a coarse cotton shirt, loose and rather ragged trowsers, and broken shoes. The expression of his face was heavy and sad, but it was by no means disagreeable. On his head was wool instead of hair. I tried in vain to make myself familiar with the fact that I could, for the sum of \$975, become as absolutely the owner of that mass of blood, bones, sinew, flesh, and brains as of the horse which stood by my side.

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- 17 Bucks Aged from twelve to twenty, Excellent

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