Slavery in Africa
Slave Trade Origins

• Slavery has existed in Africa since its origins
  – Slavery existed in a variety of forms
    • Connected to clan or ethnic rivalries
  – Slaves sometimes absorbed into family or clan
Trans-Saharan Slave Trade

• Began in the time of the Romans, continued into 20th century.
  – Slaves sent north in exchange for goods from Europe and the Middle East
The European Slave Trade

• European Slave trade began in 15\textsuperscript{th} century, continued to the beginning of the 19\textsuperscript{th} century.

• Europeans used coastal Africans to capture interior Africans
  – Slaves held along coast in “Slave factories” until they could be loaded onto boats for transportation to the Americas
The Middle Passage
The Atlantic Triangle
Between 1650 and 1860, approximately 10 to 15 million enslaved people were transported from western Africa to the Americas. Most were shipped to the West Indies, Central America, and South America.
Modern Slavery

Number of people living in slavery, by region

- **Americas**: 1,285,000
- **Europe**: 566,200
- **Middle East & North Africa**: 2,178,100
- **Sub-Saharan Africa**: 5,619,200
- **Russia and Eurasia**: 2,599,300
- **South Asia**: 17,459,900
- **East Asia & Pacific**: 6,082,900

Source: Global Slavery Index 2014