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With the abolition of the slave trade in 1807 and the Emancipation Act of 1833, Britain washed its hands of slavery. Not so, according to Marika Sherwood, who sets the record straight in this provocative new book. In fact, Sherwood demonstrates Britain continued to contribute to and profit from the slave trade well after 1807, even into the twentieth century. Drawing on government documents and contemporary reports as well as published sources, she describes how slavery remained very much a part of British investment, commerce and empire, especially in funding and supplying goods for the trade in slaves and in the use of slave-grown produce. She also examines some of the causes and repercussions of continued British involvement in slavery and describes many of the shady characters, as well as the heroes, connected with the trade - at all levels of society. *After Abolition* contains important revelations about a darker side of British history which will provoke real questions about Britain's perceptions of its past.

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- Ayodeji Olukoju, Professor of History and Dean of Arts, University of Lagos, Nigeria

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Geni Project: American Abolitionist Movement. Abolitionism is the doctrine that slavery must be ended. It is supported by activities that mi. Though anti-slavery sentiments were widespread by the late 18th century, they had little immediate effect on the centers of slavery: the West Indies, South America, and the most southern United States. The Somersett's case in 1772 that emancipated a slave in England, helped launch the movement to abolish slavery in that country. High quality example sentences with "after abolition" in context from reliable sources - Ludwig is the linguistic search engine that helps you to write better in English. Does your English sentence make sense? Search Ludwig and find the best examples of use! Sentence examples for after abolition from inspiring English sources. results12exact48similar1related. filterOFFAll Sources. RELATED. after elimination. 1. After abolition, several hundred of them a year were still ending up as slaves in Freetown. After the American Revolution established the United States, northern states, beginning with Pennsylvania in 1780, passed legislation during the next two decades abolishing slavery, sometimes by gradual emancipation. Massachusetts ratified a constitution that declared all men equal; freedom suits challenging slavery based on this principle brought an end to slavery in the state.[citation needed] Vermont, which existed as an unrecognized state from 1777 to 1791, abolished adult slavery in 1777. after abolition definition in English dictionary, after abolition meaning, synonyms, see also 'after all', 'after all', 'after you', 'ask after'. Enrich your vocabulary with the English Definition dictionary. 1 following in time; in succession to after dinner, time after time. 2 following; behind they entered one after another. 3 in pursuit or search of chasing after a thief, he's only after money. 4 concerning to inquire after his health. 5 considering after what you have done, you shouldn't complain. The abolition of slavery released the formerly enslaved into poverty, and prompted the British to mine new parts of the empire for 'slave labour'. The result was the, sometimes forced, migration of Asian men and women to the Caribbean. Hannah More After some success as a fashionable playwright, More turned to the serious work of an evangelical reformer. From the 1780s, she wrote numerous treatises attacking moral laxity, fashion and female independence.