

## The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano

Required Annotations	Student-Created Annotations	Summary / Questions / Reflection
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Comprehension	<b>de=opposite, from, away; -able, -ible=able to (adj.)</b>	Comments
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The first object which saluted my eyes when I arrived on the coast was the sea, and a slave ship, which was then riding at anchor, and waiting for its cargo. These filled me with astonishment, which was soon converted into terror when I was carried on board. [...]

I was soon put down under the decks, and there I received such a salutation in my nostrils as I had never experienced in my life: so that, with the **loathsomeness** of the stench, and crying together, I became so sick and low that I was not able to eat, nor had I the least desire to taste any thing. I now wished for the last friend, death, to relieve me; but soon, to my grief, two of the white men offered me eatables; and, on my refusing to eat, one of them held me fast by the hands [...] and tied my feet, while the other flogged me severely. [...]

One day [the crew] had taken a number of fishes; and when they had killed and satisfied themselves with as many as they thought fit, to our astonishment who were on the deck, rather than give any of them to us to eat as we expected, they tossed the remaining fish into the sea again, although we begged and prayed for some as well as we could. [...]

One day, when we had a smooth sea and moderate wind, two of my **wearied** countrymen who were chained together (I was near them at the time), preferring death to such a life of misery, somehow made through the nettings and jumped into the sea: immediately another quite **dejected** fellow, who, on account of his illness, was suffered **to be out of irons**, also followed their example; and I believe many more would very soon have done the same if they had not been prevented by the ship's crew, who were instantly alarmed.

Those of us that were the most active were in a moment put down under the deck, and there was such a noise and confusion amongst the people of the ship as I never heard before, to stop **her**, and get the boat out to go after the slaves. However two of the wretches were drowned, but they got the other, and afterwards flogged him unmercifully for thus attempting to prefer death to slavery. In this manner we continued to undergo more hardships than I can now relate, hardships which are **inseparable** from this accursed trade. Many a time we were near suffocation from the want of fresh air, which we were often without for whole days together.

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