Lecture 2:3: “The Industrial Revolution”

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A Slave Ship
Context:

A shortage of native labor in the newly discovered Americas motivated European commercial interests to turn to Western Africa for a “New World” workforce. Between 1540 and 1850, slave-ships carried an estimated 15 million Africans to the Americas. Testimony before the House of Commons revealed that the ship *The Brookes*, although designed for 450 people transported more than 600 slaves across the Atlantic Ocean.

Source: http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/09/Slave_ship_diagram.png/440px-Slave_ship_diagram.png.

Questions:

1. Was the First Industrial Revolution built on the back of slave labor?
2. How did the Industrial Revolution change gender roles among the emerging bourgeoisie and among factory workers?

Assignment:

Draw a map that illustrates the triangular economics of the British slave trade.

Bibliography:


