SS Chapter 6 Study Guide

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Lesson 1

1. Why were people in South Carolina in search of a booming cash crop? The economy was in terrible shape after the war.
2. Why did cotton become a great cash crop? With the cotton gin, planters could sell a lot of cotton and make a lot of money.
3. What caused slavery to grow and spread across the South? Slavery grew as more people began growing cotton.
4. Why did planters depend on slavery? Planters needed many free workers they could make a lot of money selling cotton.

Lesson 2

1. What were the major social classes in antebellum South Carolina? The elite, the middle class, independent farmers, the lower class, free African Americans, and enslaved African Americans.
2. What people made up the elite upper class? Wealthy planters made up the elite upper class.
3. Why did the middle class grow as towns grew? Many jobs of people in the middle class were found in towns, such as shopkeepers, doctors, and tradesmen.
4. Why didn’t children of independent farmers and children from the lower class go to school? The children were needed to work on the farm, do housework, or go to work to earn money.
5. Who were free African Americans? Why weren’t free African Americans really free? They lived in fear of being made slaves again.
6. Describe the life of a slave. Slaves had to work without pay. Slaves did not have freedoms or rights that others had. Slaves were bought and sold as if they were livestock.
7. How did slaves try to ease their sadness? They sang songs and told stories after a long day’s work.
8. What ways did slaves try to fight back? They broke tools they worked with. They worked slowly. Some slaves ran away.

Define the following words in your research notebook.

demand-the request for something; the desire of people who want to buy something.

textile-cloth or fabric made by knitting or weaving

The demand for cotton increased as more factories and mills needed it to make cloth.

antebellum-before the war, particularly the time between the American Revolution and the Civil War

profit-the money left over after expenses are paid

People in antebellum South Carolina tried to find a cash crop so they could make more money.

elite-a group of people considered to be the best in a society because of their wealth or talent

social class-a group of people who share the same position in life or the same place in society

The elite were the richest social class in antebellum South Carolina.