Creating a Slave Trade Memorial (1.5, 1.6)

This lesson asks students to demonstrate their mastery of their knowledge about the Middle Passage by designing a memorial. Slavery memorials are not common in the United States, despite the fact that at least two million people perished because of inhumane conditions during their forced migration to the New World.

You (and your team, if you choose to work with others) will be responsible for designing a memorial to commemorate those who traveled the Middle Passage. You will be given several sources to further your understanding and full creative control over the design.

Your memorial can be designed virtually or physically. You may use various resources (drawings, paintings, sketches, sculptures, poems, portraits, buildings, art features) that currently exist in the design of your memorial.

Once the memorial is designed, you must also include a 150-200 word inscription/plaque that includes the following information:

1. A definition of the Middle Passage
2. An explanation of the factors that led to a need of African slaves in the New World.
3. A description of the conditions aboard the slave ships and during the Middle Passage.

Please consult my website (www.mrdscclass.weebly.com) for additional resources to help you with your design and inscription.

You will be graded on the following elements:

**Memorial:**

Creativity ______/5
Appropriateness of images ______/5
Neatness of design ______/5

**Inscription/plaque**

Provides adequate definition of the Middle Passage ______/5
Provides adequate description of the Middle Passage ______/5
Demonstrates appropriate length ______/5

Time permitting, you will be given the opportunity to present your memorial to the class for additional points.

This assignment will be due ____________________________.