



The Society of the South in the Early Republic

Discussion Question Assignment
1800-1848



Discussion Question Items

- a. How did the invention of the cotton gin change the nature of the institution of slavery? Give two examples.
- b. The reading mentions two historical stereotypes of the Old South. What were the two stereotypes and what was the reality of both of them?
- c. What does the reading tell us about slave ownership on the eve of the Civil War?
- d. What does the reading tell us about the average slave owner on the eve of the Civil War?
- e. How did the institution of slavery have a negative effect on the Southern economy? Give two examples.