

Chapter 5C RECAP – Slavery: The Case of the Roman Empire

Directions: Using your notes, write a response that compares the systems of slavery in the classical period. Use the sentence starters provided. Be sure to summarize not only key characteristics, but draw larger historical conclusions comparing the regions.

How did slave systems vary in Rome, Greece, China, and India in the classical period?

- ✓ In Greece and Rome...
 - ✓ Chinese slavery...
 - ✓ In India...
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- ✓ **In Greece and Rome**, slaves accomplished most of the agricultural and other labor. However, they could be emancipated and were sometimes permitted to purchase freedom. Some slaves were scholars or teachers, or helped important jobs in state bureaucracy.
 - ✓ **Chinese slavery** was not widespread. Desperately impoverished people sometimes sold children into slavery, but slavery was not important source of labor.
 - ✓ **In India**, slaves were protected both by law and religious doctrine. Indian civilizations did not depend on slavery because most work was done by lower-caste men.