



Figure 19. Approximate average annual rates of natural increase for various populations, 1700–1900. Negative percentages indicate rates of natural decrease and positive percentages indicate rates of natural increase. Thus

Source: Robert William Fogel, *Without Consent or Contract: The Rise and Fall of American Slavery* (New York: W. W. Norton, 1991 [1989]), 124.

1. (30%) Describe and explain the above figure. Be sure to include an analysis of the various explanations that may help account for the variations between regions and across time.
2. (25%) Does Equiano's autobiography successfully reveal the important features of New World slavery? What are the strengths and shortcomings of this printed source?
3. (15%) What does Vincent Brown mean by “spiritual terror?” Does he believe it was an effective management tool in Jamaica?
4. (10%) What is the “task system?” and how did it differ from the “gang system?” Why did lowcountry planters in South Carolina and Georgia embrace this method of labor management? What were the short- and long-run implications of this system?
5. (20%) [Question 5 will be given during the exam].