



GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 9-2

Life in the South

Directions: Outlining Reading the section and completing the outline below will help you learn more about the way of life of the people in the South. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. Life on the Small Farms

- A. Farmers without slaves were known as _____ and generally grew crops both for their own use and to sell or trade.
- B. _____ rented land or worked on landlords' estates.

II. Plantations

- A. About 12 percent of Southern plantation owners held more than _____ of the enslaved workers, while about half of the planters held fewer than five enslaved workers.
- B. To receive the best prices, planters often sold their cotton to agents of cotton _____.
 - 1. The agents extended _____ to the planters and held the cotton until prices rose.
 - 2. This system kept planters in _____ because they did not receive payment until the agents sold the cotton.
- C. Plantation wives were generally in charge of _____, tending them when they were ill, and supervising the plantation's buildings and fruit and vegetable gardens.
- D. Enslaved people did many kinds of work on a plantation, but most were _____.

III. City Life and Education

- A. With the coming of the _____, many cities began to grow as centers of trade.
- B. Cities provided free African Americans the opportunity to form their own _____.
- C. Those who could afford it often sent their children to _____.
- D. Even when _____ were established, many children did not attend because of the great distances to travel.