

History of Sugar by Country Timeline

France

1691 - King Louis XIV makes slavery legal in the France's sugar islands, but not in France.(72



1714 - Pauline, an enslaved woman from the Caribbean is brought to France and left there by her mistress. Pauline stayed in a convent and asked to become a nun, but her mistress went to a judge to demand her "property" back. This set off a debate in France.(71-72)



United States

1733-English Parliament enacts the Molasses Act, which adds a tax to molasses that does not come from England. The Americans protest and smuggle molasses from other places.(75)



1763 - Parliament enacts the Sugar Act to stop the Americans from smuggling. This causes the Americans to start organizing against the English. (76)



England

1785-Thomas Clarkson wins a prize for best essay from Cambridge University for writing against slavery. This starts the abolitionist movement in England. (77-80)



Saint Domingue



France

1716 - Pierre Lemerre the Younger declares that "All men are equal" in support of freedom for enslaved people. (72)



1789 - People in France "storm" the Bastille, a prison where the King holds people. The National Assembly also issues the Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen. (80-81)



United States

1765 - A group of Americans in Rhode Island take molasses cargo from a British ship to protest the Sugar Act.



England



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France

1791-France passes a law that made the people on the sugar islands who were black or of mixed background equal to all other Frenchmen. (82)

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