

Economy of slavery

Read the attached article and answer the following questions:

https://www.history.com/news/slavery-profitable-southern-economy?li_source=LI&li_medium=m2m-rcw-history

1. What were three major cash crops of the colonies?
2. What was the major cash crop in the 1600s and why did its importance decline after the Revolutionary War? What crop replaced it?
3. How much were slaves worth at the time of the Constitution's writing?
4. What was ironical about the development of the cotton gin as it related to slavery?
5. How did production of cotton increase in the early 1800s?
6. How much cotton was the US producing at the start of the Civil War?
7. How much would a typical slave sell for at the time of the Civil War?