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Slaves in the American Revolution: Alternate Endings

What was the *Book of Negroes*? Why would an African American who fought in the Revolutionary War want to be in this book?

- The *Book of Negroes* was a document created to track those slaves who fought for the British in the American Revolution. At the end of the war, colonists wanted the British to return all property seized during the course of the conflict. This property included slaves. The British wanted to keep their promise to slaves who fought for the Crown and created this list to identify slaves who would be evacuated from the colonies at the end of the war.
- It was important for slaves to be listed in this book so that they would not be returned to their masters and enslavement.

Location	Experience – Who went here? What was it like?	Picture – Draw an image to help you remember this location.
East Florida	• Many Loyalists moved to East Florida • Took their slaves with them • Returned to the Southern US when Spain took over FL • Many slaves were returned to slavery	Images will vary
Nova Scotia	• Many slaves were evacuated to Nova Scotia where slave communities were established • Much of what was promised to slaves fell through • Many slaves moved to Sierra Leone as part of an effort to create a colony where slaves could “be their own masters”	Images will vary
British Caribbean Islands	• Slaves arrived here from East Florida or the American colonies • Even free slaves were captured • Put to work on sugar plantations	Images will vary