**Paper details:**

The essay should focus on the architectural structuring of the slave trade sites in west Africa and a little bit of the history. my sources can be used but add two other sources you think would help. It should also include a 250 word abstract summarizing what the research paper is about. This article examines the development of the institution known as ‘castle slavery’ on the Gold Coast (West Africa) in the era of the transatlantic slave trade. It places the lived experiences of castle slaves within a comparative Atlantic World context and argues that castle slavery bore significant resemblances to forms of creole elite slavery in the Americas. It also explores the particularly complex roles of female castle slaves in the daily life and operation of European-trading posts in Gold Coast towns. On the coast of modern-day Ghana during the eighteenth century, the European slave trading companies representing England, Holland and Denmark claimed legal ownership over a group of men, women and children referred to variously as ‘castle slaves’, ‘company’s slaves’, ‘committee’s slaves’ and ‘service slaves’ (trainslaven, in Dutch1 ). The castle slaves performed a range of duties that were essential to the functioning of European companies on the Gold Coast in this period: they built and maintained the forts (‘castles’) where company administrators and soldiers lived and conducted trade; they provided a range of domestic services to the fort inhabitants – including the enslaved Africans held in the dungeons who would eventually be sold to passing slave ships; and they served as interpreters and liaisons between the Europeans and the African communities in which the company forts were situated.

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