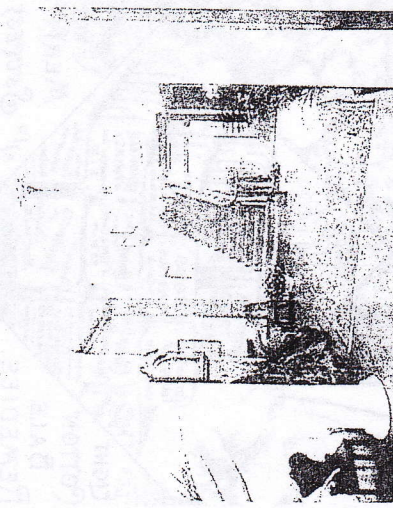
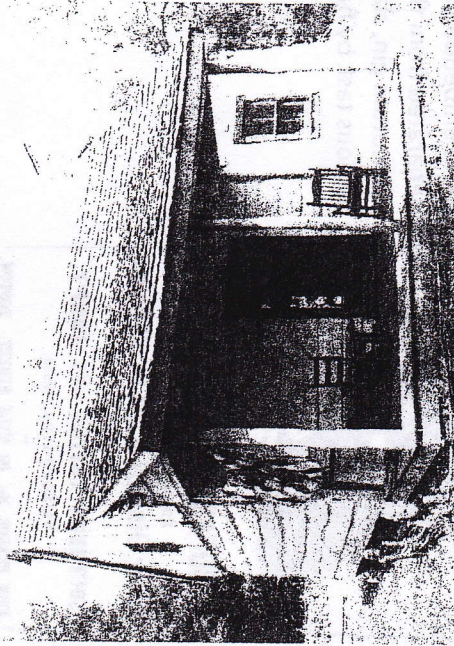


Plantation owners often imported expensive marble, wallpaper, carpets, chandeliers, and furniture to decorate their homes.



Slaves, in contrast, lived in small cabins. The brick chimney, mattress, and wood floors were not typical. Most slave cabins had earthen floors and were sparsely furnished. If windows existed, they were open spaces, which allowed bugs, heat, and rain to come inside.



Thinking Critically:

- Analyze visuals—based on the images shown, summarize in two to three sentences the contrasting living conditions that existed on plantations.
- Draw Conclusions—Many plantations have been preserved or restored and are open to the public today. What is the mission of these historic places? Why do you think they are important?
- Why were so many enslaved people needed to work on plantations?
- What did the living conditions of enslaved people indicate about their relationship with the plantation owner?