

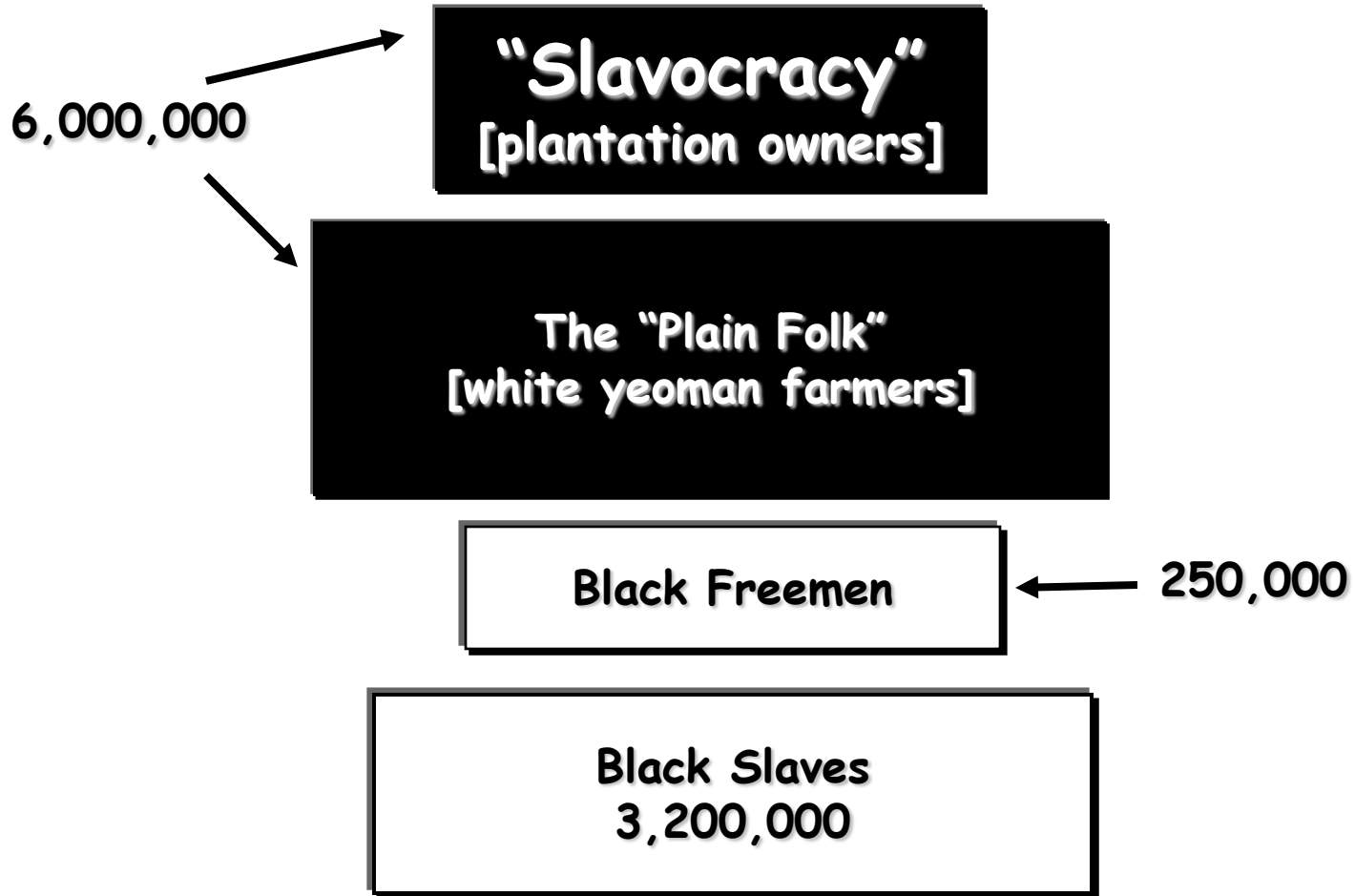
The Antebellum South

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Missouri Compromise, 1820

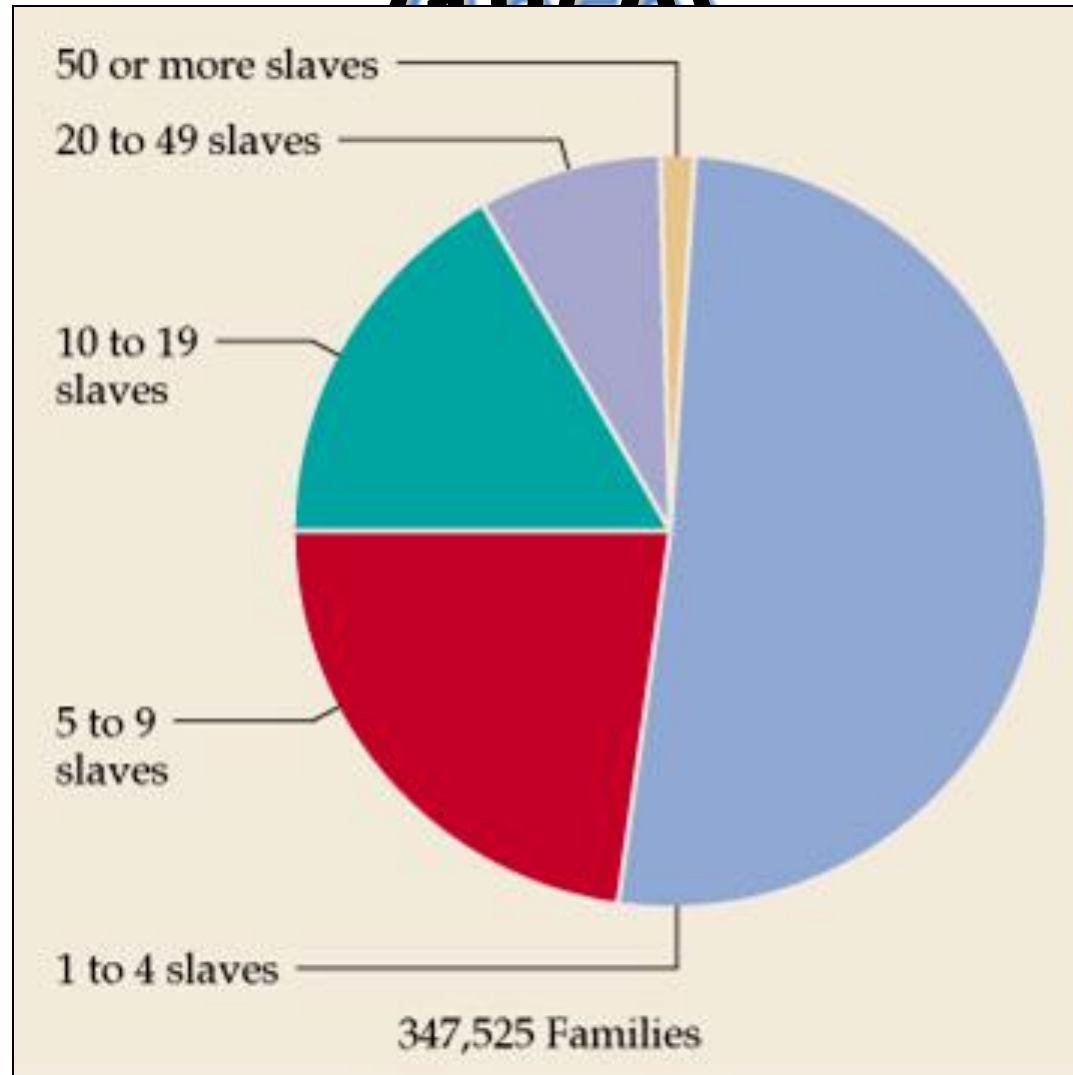


Southern Society (1850)



Total US Population → 23,000,000
[9,250,000 in the South = 40%]

Slave-Ownning Population (1850)

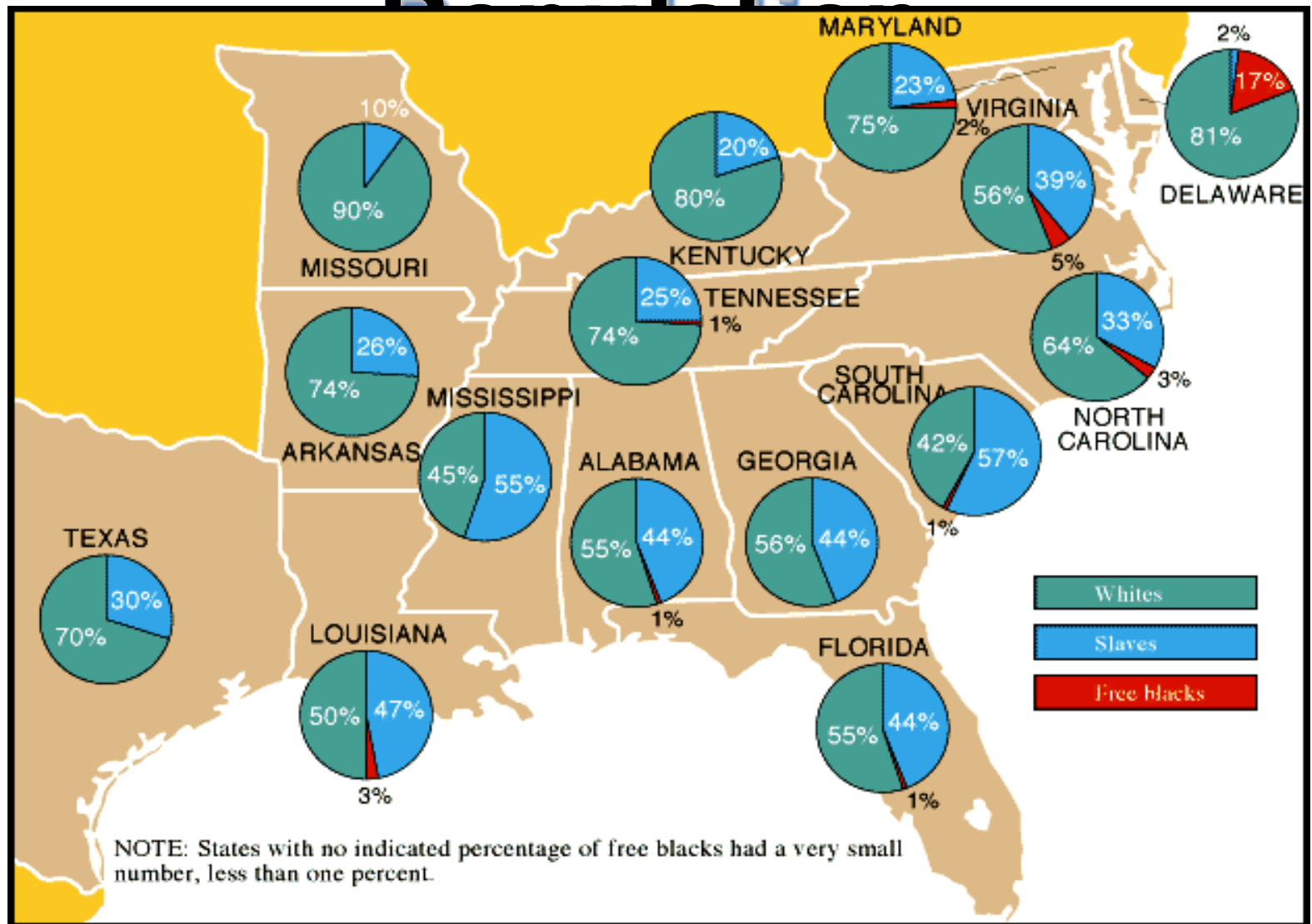


Slave-Ownning Families (1850)



Only 1 in 4 families owned slaves

Southern



Freed African Americans

- Many were emancipated children of white owners
- Some Purchased their freedom with earnings from labor after hours
- Many owned property of their own
- Some even owned slaves themselves
- Hated and discriminated against in North as well

Antebellum Southern Economy

Characteristics of the Antebellum

South

1. Primarily agrarian.
2. Economic power shifted from the "upper South" to the "lower South."
3. "Cotton Is King!"
 - * 1860 → 5 mil. bales a yr.
(57% of total US exports).
4. Very slow development of industrialization.
5. Inadequate transportation system.

Graniteville Textile Co.



Founded in 1845, it was the South's first attempt at industrialization in Richmond, VA