

Description of Discussion Activity following performance of Master and Slave

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After watching the play, pupils are divided into groups of five or six. They are asked to consider five questions, in their groups, to report back at the end of 10 minutes. The questions are:

- What did you like in the performance?
- What did you dislike?
- What do you think the play was all about?
- What did you learn?
- How did it make you feel?

Pupils are invited to feed back from their groups, to the actors. A 'bank' of further questions has been prepared, if needed:

* NB It is expected that the Class Teacher will be present for this activity.

Knowledge and Understanding:

- Which scene from the play can you remember the best?
- Why are there Romans and Egyptians in the play?
- What was in the tea chest?
- The Zong – what happened? Why was the sea captain in trouble with the courts?
- Why did the master tell the Slave he wouldn't like what he found in the tea chest?

Attitudes and values

- Why is the slave still dragging the chest at the end of the play?
- Do you think that slavery still exists?
- Can you think of any examples you know from the modern age?
- Can you think of your own example of taking advantage of someone?
- Can you think of an example of having 'buying power' (eg. Nike)
- Would you do it?
- What words would you use to describe the Master?
- What words would you use to describe the slave?
- Does it matter that the Master is a woman in the play?
- Should the slave have been black? Does it matter?