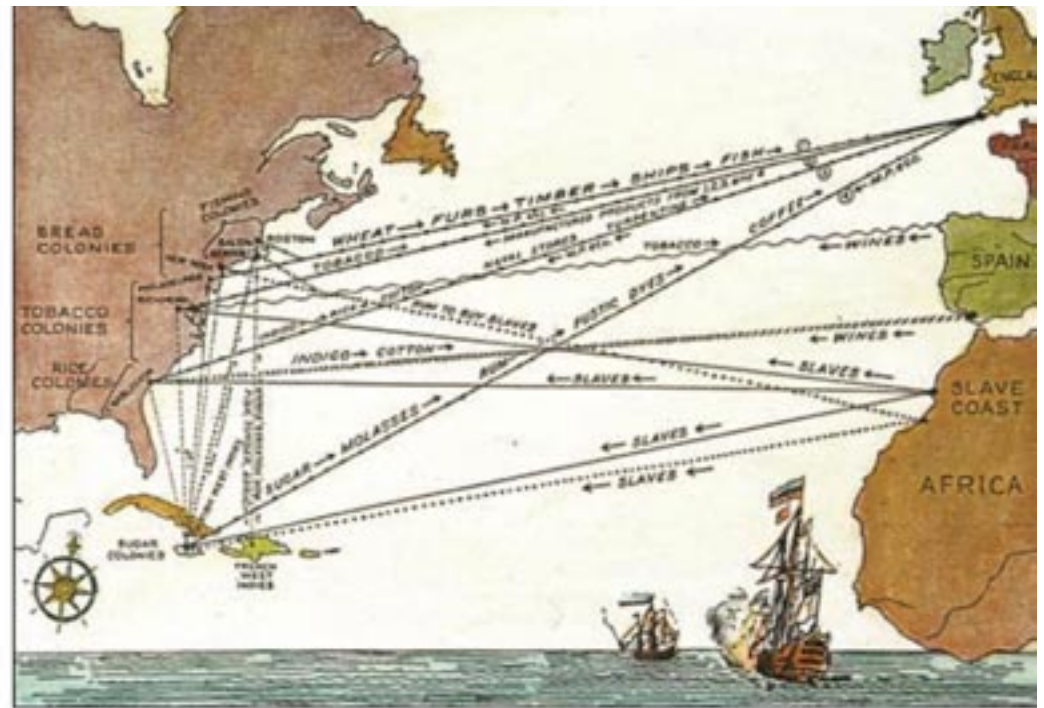


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An Amazing Journey

Phillis Wheatley was born in western Africa around 1753. When Phillis was seven years old, she was kidnapped. She was taken on a boat to Boston, Massachusetts. Then, she was sold as a **slave**.

Phillis was a very smart little girl. She learned to read and write English quickly. She soon became colonial America’s first black poet.