African American History Amistad parts 1-12

1. Describe what is happening in the opening scene.
2. What year does the movie take place?
3. What issues are the slaves facing as time goes on?
4. What happens to the passengers on *The Amistad*?
5. What Presidency does *The Amistad* take place during?
6. How many slaves were in total on *The Amistad*?
7. What do the slaves mistake the carriage driver for?
8. What are the slaves being charged with?
9. Who is the first person to stake a claim on the slaves?
10. Who is the second group to stake a claim on the slaves?
11. Who is the third group to stake a claim on the slaves?
12. What title does John Quincy Adams hold at the time?
13. What does Adams claim is Van Buren’s only concern?
14. What are the two ways that Mr. Baldwin proposes to win the case?
15. What are people doing around the slaves quarters?
16. What issues do Mr. Baldwin and the slaves face?
17. What does Mr. Baldwin and the chief slave try to establish?
18. Why do they need a subpoena to enter *The Amistad*?
19. What does “below deck” look like?
20. What are some of the items found on *The Amistad*?
21. Who owns *The Tecora* and what does it do?
22. How does Mr. Baldwin throw out the Spanish’s claims?
23. What does Isabella II’s letter want?
24. How will the South handle if the slaves are freed?
25. What could the freeing of *The Amistad* cause to America?
26. What side does John Quincy Adams claim wins court cases?
27. What does Mr. Jordon need to figure out to win the case?
28. What does Mr. Baldwin do to find an interpreter?
29. Describe the West African burial customs.
30. What language do the Africans speak?

31. How does Cinque end up being a slave?