INTRODUCTION

The triangular trade route, which most significantly involved the American colonies, originated in New England. Ships sailed to the West Coast of Africa with a cargo of rum and exchanged it for slaves. The horrendous "Middle Passage" carried the slaves to the Caribbean where they were sold in exchange for sugar cane or molasses. This cargo was then carried north back to New England to be manufactured into rum.

THE CHALLENGE

Using the following latitude and longitude readings, plot on the attached chart, the voyage from Boston to Lagos to the island of Dominica and back to Boston.

Boston Massachusetts Colony. 42 N –74W  
Lagos, Slave Coast, Africa. 7 N- 5 E  
Dominica, Lesser Antilles, Caribbean. 16 N – 62 W