

Candidate 2 evidence

Question: How important was William Wilberforce to the abolitionist campaign?

Plan

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- while the abolitionist campaign set up
 - William Wilberforce was important - make it into a question.
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- opening sentence - how William Wilberforce was important to the abolitionist movement.
 - why was he important to the campaign - becoming MP at 21 trying to convince people.
 - Reference sentence. Hull, Yorkshire, 1780.
 - Explain reference - why it's important - use his power.
 - Second point - made speeches with evidence.
 - Overall why was he important – 1789, made speeches.
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- Olaudah Equiano was important - opening sentence.
 - Autobiography about experiences - real life experiences.
 - Second point delegations in 1788.
 - Wasn't important as WW.
 - Reference - published in 1789 - name of book.
 - Explain reference - freed slave experiences - people connect.
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- Wasn't involved with inside of parliament.
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- Opening sentence - Thomas Clarkson was important.
 - Why - evidence about evils, then WW used it in speeches.
 - Reference - thought examples.
 - Explain reference- show people how they worked.
 - Second point - five month speaking tour.
 - Was important to campaign - people would support him after seeing evidence in speeches.
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- My opinion on most important factor. Why he was most important - getting elected as MP - convince MPs.
 - Gave speeches with evidence.
 - List other important factors.

References

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http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/history_figures/clarkson_thomas.shtml

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Assignment

45 The abolitionist campaign was a campaign set up to abolish the slave trade movement. It could be argued that William Wilberforce was one of the most important people involved with this campaign. However, there were other important people who impacted the campaign, such as Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson.

50 William Wilberforce was one of the most important people in the abolitionist campaign. William Wilberforce was important to this campaign because he became an MP at the age of 21 and was elected in parliament. This meant that he was able to convince his fellow MPs that the slave trade was evil and get them to back up his campaign. According to the BBC history website, William Wilberforce was an MP in Hull representing Yorkshire in 1780. This is useful because he was able to use his power as an MP to gain more people to back of the campaign. He was also important to the
55 campaign because he made speeches in parliament and in those speeches were evidence provided by Thomas Clarkson, so this meant that MPs could see evidence about the evils of the slave trade and get behind him. Overall, William Wilberforce was very important to the campaign because he made many speeches in parliament from 1789 onwards and did not give up.

60 William Wilberforce was not the only important person involved in the abolitionist campaign. Olaudah Equiano was also important. He was important because he wrote an autobiography about his experiences as a slave and what it was like to be involved with the slave trade. This meant people were able to read about a real-life slave experience. According to the BBC website, Olaudah Equiano's Book was published in 1789 and was called 'The Amazing Life of Olaudah Equiano'. This is
65 important, because since he is writing about his own experiences, people would be able to connect to it more rather than thinking it is made up. He was also important to the campaign because he led the delegations to Parliament in 1788, trying to get people to support a bill. Olaudah Equiano was important, but not as important as William Wilberforce, because Olaudah Was not involved with the inside of parliament or did not give as many speeches as William Wilberforce did.

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Another person that was important to the campaign was Thomas Clarkson. Thomas Clarkson was important to the campaign because he gathered evidence about the evils of the slave trade that got used in William speeches in parliament. This meant that the MPs in parliament were able to see physical evidence about the evils of the slave trade instead of them just taking William Wilberforce's
75 word for it. According to the BBC history website, Thomas Clarkson, bought examples of equipment use on slave ships ship captains. This impacted the campaign because he got to show everyone, how branding irons, shackles, etc. worked. He was also important to the campaign because he went on a five month, speaking tour of Britain, letting everyone see and hear about the evils of the slave trade movement. Overall, he was very important to the campaign because people were more likely to
80 support the abolitionist campaign after seeing physical evidence he provided.

In my opinion, the most important person in the abolitionist campaign is William Wilberforce. William Wilberforce is the most important person because he became an MP at 21 and tried to

85 convince his fellow MPs to back up the campaign. Another reason why he is the most important is that in his speeches he gave, he provided evidence from Thomas Clarkson meaning that MPs could see the evidence of the evils of the slave trade and get behind him. Although there are also other important factors who made an impact on the campaign such as Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson.

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