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 - b. English Channel
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How I could contribute to ending _____ :

William Wilberforce | Answer Key

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Sample answer: Slavery is ancient. It has been a part of every society throughout history. Also, many profited from slavery, and they knew that if it were banned, they would lose money.

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