

Problems and Directed Readings – I
North America from the Era European Expansion to the Formation of the United States,
16th-18th Centuries

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This bibliography covers the possible readings for **PDR-I: North America from an Atlantic Perspective from the 16th to the 18th century**. The bibliography and the course are designed to prepare students for the qualifying exams, help them develop the background they will need to teach a US survey (or world history course), and raise historiographical and research questions that they might find useful in their own work (even if they work in different time periods). The emphasis is on cultural contact in Early America and the diversity of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century peoples in eastern North America and the Caribbean; secondarily, it is meant to introduce students to scholarship on the causes and consequences of the American Revolution. Some significant topics in early American history receive less coverage than one might wish and are left to you to pursue on your own (see the bibliography). Students preparing for the comprehensive examination in American history should have read at least two books from each section and one or more articles. Some of this reading will usually be done in the PDR course, but students are, of course, free to pursue the reading on their own.

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