

African American History to 1877
512:262
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Course Description:

This course will explore the African American experience and the development of work, and culture from the colonial era through the mid-nineteenth century. Using primary and secondary sources we will explore the social, political, religious, and economic factors that produced change and transformation in the lives of people of African descent. This course has a number of goals, including providing a broad introduction to the interdisciplinary field of African American Studies and American history.

Course Requirements:

Attendance and participation (30%)
Midterm Examination (30%)
Final Exam (40%)

Attendance: Students are expected to attend class and to participate in class discussion. Students are to arrive on time, and shall receive no more than two unexcused absences. If a student receives more than the allotted unexcused absences, his/her grade will be reduced. All cell phones and other disturbing electronic/cellular devices are to be turned off during class!!!!!!!!!!

Exams: There will be one midterm exam and one final exam given during the semester. There are NO makeup exams! If a student is confronted with severe illness or any other serious problem during the scheduled exams he/she must contact me as soon as possible.

Grading Guidelines:

Any assignment not completed receives a grade of zero, and late work will be marked down an entire grade for each day past the due date.

A= 100-90, B+= 89-86, B= 85-80, C+= 79-76, C=75-70, D+ 69-66, D= 65-60, F= 59 and below

Students are expected to be familiar with University policy on academic honesty. Please see below:

http://studentconduct.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/46/2014/12/AI_Policy_2013.pdf

Texts to be Purchased:

Franklin & Higginbotham *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans*
Gates *The Classic Slave Narratives* (Equiano, Prince, Douglass, Jacobs)

Week of January 16th

First Day of Class: Overview

Reading for the week: Chapter 2 *From Slavery To Freedom*

Getting To America The African Slave Trade

Week of January 22nd

The African Slave Trade

Reading for the week: Chapter 3 *From Slavery To Freedom*

Week of January 29th

Colonial Slavery: The Chesapeake

Africans in America Part 1

Reading for the week: Chapter 4 *From Slavery To Freedom*

Week of February 5th

Colonial Slavery in the North

Week of February 12th

The American Revolution

Reading for the week: Chapter 5 *From Slavery To Freedom*

Africans in America part 2

Week of February 19th

Olaudah Equiano

Reading for the week: *Narrative of Olaudah Equiano*

Week of February 26th

Midterm

Week of March 5th

Becoming an American Slave

Reading for the week: Chapter 6 *From Slavery To Freedom*

An Expanding Nation

Week of March 12th

Spring Break

Week of March 19th

Antebellum Slavery

Reading for the week: Chapter 7 *From Slavery To Freedom*

Africans in America part 3

Week of March 26th

Antebellum Free Blacks

Reading for the week: Chapter 8 *From Slavery To Freedom*

Week of April 2nd

Abolition

The Abolitionists

Narrative of Frederick Douglass

Reading for the week: Chapter 9 *From Slavery To Freedom*

Week of April 9th
Thursday, November 6th

Abolition Continued

Harriet Jacobs

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl

Week of April 16th

The Coming of the Civil War

Africans in America Part 4

Week of April 23rd

The Civil War

Reading for the week: Chapter 10 *From Slavery To Freedom*

April 30th

Reconstruction

Reading: Chapter 11 *From Slavery to Freedom*

Final Exam: TBA