

HIUS 379/AFST 376

“African American History from the Colonia Period to the Civil War”



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In **HIUS 379**, we introduce students to African and African American life and culture before the Civil War. The experiences of African Americans during these years was one of great suffering as well as triumph. Special emphasis will be placed on African American social, religious, economic, and intellectual development. We will explore a variety of themes using secondary and primary sources. Topics include varieties of slavery, the development of racial slavery, free black communities, the rise of African American culture, identity, gender, religion, protest, resistance, changing notions of freedom, colonization, and abolition. Students should remember that African American history must be studied within the context of United States history. Hence, some time will be spent discussing American history more generally to highlight the black experience.

Required Course Readings: *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl Written By Herself*, *Slavery at Sea: Terror, Sex, and Sickness in the Middle Passage*, & *Freedom on My Mind: A History of African Americans with Documents*.