

Welcome Letter for Race and Slavery in the Americas

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Hello and welcome to Race and Slavery in the Americas!

This course will introduce you to the concepts of race and slavery as they developed in North and South America from the period of the encounter up to the mid-20th century.

Expectations

You will be expected to read the texts below and write summaries of the readings. You will also participate in online discussion forums. There will be two papers based on the texts, and a final exam.

Texts

David B. Davis - Inhuman Bondage
Christina Snyder - Slavery in Indian Country
Camilla Townsend - Tales of Two Cities
Bernard Moitt - Women and Slavery in the French Antilles
Richard Graham - The Idea of Race in Latin America
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Good luck and have fun in the course! N. Zeller