Nebraska Wesleyan University

HIST 3800A Voices of Slavery

Catalog

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Course Description

A study of chattel slavery in the United States through the words and remembrances of enslaved people from 1600-1877. Colonial and antebellum slave narratives form the evidentiary basis for this course. Topics include African slavery, the slave trade, slave culture, family life, motherhood, methods of resistance, religion, self-emancipation and the Reconstruction period. The course also explores regional differences between slavery in the urban north, the Chesapeake, the South Carolina low-country and rice country.

HIST-3800 meets with HIST 2800 Historical Methods. A research paper is not required for students in 3800.

Archway Curriculum: Foundational Literacies: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – U.S.

Course Hours

4 hours

Departments

1. History