

Introduction to African American Studies
AFR1000G.002
Spring 2008

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday - 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lecture Time: Tuesday and Thursday - 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM

Required Texts: Azevedo, M. (2005). *Africana studies: A survey of Africa and the African Diaspora*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 3rd edition.

Ernest, J. (2000). *Running a thousand miles for freedom*. Acton, MA: Copley Publishing Group.

Jacobs, H. (1988). *Incidents in the life of a slave girl*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Karenga, M. (2002). *Introduction to Black studies*. Los Angeles, CA: the University of Sankore Press.

Course Description: The course examines the history, culture and human experiences of Africans and peoples of the African Diaspora. The course will also explore the contributions of Africans and peoples of African descent in all subjects of human endeavor, e.g., the arts, sciences, history, psychology, religion, politics and etc. WI

Writing Assignments:

There will be two written assignments:

The first paper will be a mini-paper worth ten (10) points. Topic to be assigned by instructor.

The second paper will be worth fifty (50) points. It will be written in APA format as discussed in class. Topic selected from Azevedo text.

There will also be five (5) summaries completed on topics from your reading assignments. These summaries must include two (2) references one from your textbook and one from a source other than your textbook. You must use at least one quote from each source. These assignments will be worth five (5) points each for a total of 25 points.

WIKIPEDIA MAY NOT BE USED AS A SOURCE.

Assignments will be written in the APA Format. This format will be explained during class and a handout will be given to act as a guideline.

Quizzes and Tests:

There will be six (6) quizzes given every other week. The source of the quizzes will be the readings from Jacobs and Ernest. Each quiz will be worth ten (10) points. The final exam will be worth fifty (50) points.

Tentative Class Schedule:

Week 1: January 8 & 10

Tuesday: Introduction and class review. Mini Paper assignment.
Thursday: Mini paper due. Discuss APA.
Reading assignment for Jacobs: pages 1 – 81
Reading assignment for Karenga: Chapter 1

Week 2: January 15 & 17

Tuesday: Video: Journey of Man
Thursday: Video: completion of Journey of Man

Week 3: January 22 & 24

Tuesday: Summary 1 due from Chapter 1, Karenga text. Discussion
Thursday: Follow up discussion.
Reading assignment for Karenga: Chapter 2

Week 4: January 29 & 31

Tuesday: Quiz 1: Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl – pages 1 – 81.
Thursday: Follow up discussion.
Reading assignment for Jacobs: pages 82 - 130

Week 5: February 5 & 7

Tuesday: Summary 2 due from Chapter 2, Karenga text. Discussion
Thursday: Follow up discussion.
Discuss second written assignment. Topic to be chosen from Azevedo text.
Reading assignment for Karenga: Chapter 4

Week 6: February 12 & 14

Tuesday: Quiz 2: Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl – pages 82 – 130
Video: Amistad
Thursday: Video: completion of Amistad
Reading assignment for Jacobs: pages 131 - 188

Week 7: February 19 & 21

Tuesday: Summary 3 due from Chapter 4, Karenga text. Discussion
Thursday: Follow up discussion.
Reading assignment for Karenga: Chapter 6

Week 8: February 26 & 28

Tuesday: Quiz 3: Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl – pages 131 - 188
Thursday: Lecture/ discussion – Chapter 6 – Karenga text
Reading assignment for Jacobs: pages 189 - 248

Week 9: March 4 & 6

Tuesday: Lecture/discussion – chapter 6 – Karenga text
Thursday: **PAPER DUE – NO LATE PAPERS ACCEPTED**

Week 10: March 11 & 13

Tuesday: **NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK**
Thursday: **NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK**

Week 11: March 18 & 20

Tuesday: Video/lecture/discussion
Thursday: Quiz 4: Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl – pages 189 - 248
Reading assignment for Jacobs: pages 249 – 306

Week 12: March 25 & 27

Tuesday: Summary 4 due from Chapter 6, Karenga text. Discussion
Thursday: Follow up discussion.
Reading assignment for Karenga: Chapter 9

Week 13: April 1 & 3

Tuesday: Quiz 5: Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl – pages 249 - 306
Thursday: Discussion Chapter 9, Karenga text.
Reading assignment for Earnest: pages 1 - 73

Week 14: April 8 & 10

Tuesday: Summary 5 due from Chapter 9, Karenga text. Discussion
Thursday: Follow up discussion.

Week 15: April 15 & 17

Tuesday: Quiz 6: Running a Thousand Miles for Freedom – pages 1 - 73
Thursday: Lecture/discussion

Week 16: April 22 & 24

Tuesday: Lecture/discussion
Thursday: Preparation for final.

Week 17: April 27 – May 2

Finals Week: Day and time of final to be announced.

Grading:

90 – 100%	A
80 – 89%	B
70 – 79%	C
60 – 69%	D
59% or below	F

Quizzes	10 points each x 6	60
Mini Paper	10 points	10
Resource Summaries	5 points each x 5	25
Paper	50 points	50
Final Exam	50 points	<u>55</u>
Total		200

Please note the following:

- If you have a documented disability please discuss accommodations with me within the first week of class.
- The professor reserves the right to make modifications in the schedule and/or requirements, as he deems appropriate.
- Turn off all electronic devices during class time.
- **NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**