

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: HIS 141

Credits: 3

Course Title: African-American History I

Course Description: Surveys the history of black Americans from their African origins to the present. Prerequisites: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: (Who would benefit from taking this course?)

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Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Demonstrate an ability to select, from the materials offered in this course, the relevant information needed to explain their own interpretations of American history from an African-American perspective;
- b. Demonstrate knowledge of the chronological development of the significant political, economic, social, military, religious, cultural, and intellectual changes experienced by African-Americans from the Ancient African Kingdoms to the Civil War;
- c. Develop an appreciation of the fact that their values are not necessarily the values of other peoples, and that their values are not necessarily better or worse than those held by other peoples in other places and times;
- d. Present an historical argument in good written or oral form;
- e. Demonstrate knowledge of the chronological development of the significant political, economic, social, military, religious, cultural, and intellectual changes experienced by African-Americans from 1865 to the present;
- f. Demonstrate in both oral and written exercises their ability to synthesize their knowledge of historical concepts and interpretation;
- g. Evaluate the strengths and relevance of arguments on a particular question or issue; and
- h. Determine whether certain conclusions or consequences are supported by the information provided.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Ancient African Kingdoms
- b. The Slave Trade
- c. Slavery in Colonial America
- d. Impact of the American Revolution
- e. The Plantation System and Slavery
- f. The Civil War
- g. The Era of Reconstruction

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