



# INTRODUCTION TO the AFRO-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

**WELCOME!** In Introduction to the Afro-American Experience, we will examine the history, politics, economy, and social issues impacting the lives of Afro-Americans. Specifically, what is the history of Afro-Americans and how has this history impacted the lives of Afro-Americans throughout the centuries into today? To investigate these and other topics, students will be exposed to a variety of readings, online lectures, online discussions, online videos, and writing responses.

Here are some of the questions we will be exploring throughout the semester.

- 1) What is Afro-American Studies and why is it relevant to you?
- 2) What is the brief history of Africa and why does it relate to African American today?
- 3) What is the legacy of slavery?
- 4) What social customs and laws have impacted African Americans over other ethnic groups in the United States?
- 5) What is lynching? What is a legal lynching? What is the history of violence upon black bodies?
- 6) What were the causes of the Civil Rights Movement? What strategies were used? What were the outcomes?
- 7) Why did Hurricane Katrina disproportionately impact African Americans?
- 8) Has the election of President Obama really signaled a change in race relations?

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