

HIS 380
Slavery and Revolution in the Caribbean

Satisfies: SBS+ [DEC: J]

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Online Asynchronous

What were the necessary conditions for a successful plantation revolt? Why did the Haitian revolution succeed where other rebellions fell short? Our course examines the main themes of the colonial Caribbean, empire, race, slavery, revolution, and its repercussions. Each week we will explore these themes from a variety of approaches and perspectives from a diverse range of scholars. We will investigate how European colonists enslaved millions of African people and systems used to cement control in the plantation colonies of the British, French, and Spanish empires. We will also examine modes of resistance that enslaved people developed to challenge the colonial powers from everyday individual actions and mass revolts to the Haitian revolution and its implications. Our work will involve watching lectures and YouTube clips, listening to podcasts, and reading academic articles. Each week you will complete a diary entry reflecting on the week's reading and participate in class discussion using VoiceThread. You will also prepare a short online class presentation and a final written assignment. You do not need to buy a coursebook as all materials will be provided on Blackboard.