

The Haitian Revolution and its Legacies: A Unit Plan

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Outline:

1. Overview

- a. [Unit introduction](#)
- b. [Choices \(Brown University\) curriculum unit](#)
- c. Central questions to consider
 - i. What makes the Haitian Revolution unique?
 - ii. How does it differ from the other American Revolutions (connecting to student's background information).
 - iii. What's the difference between a political vs a social revolution?
 - iv. What's the difference between a 'society with slaves' vs a 'slave society'?
 - v. What is the role of vodou in the Haitian Revolution?

2. Sugar DBQ & role of sugar in the Caribbean

- a. [DBQ Project materials](#)
- b. [DBQ Slides \(in Spanish\)](#)

3. Introduction and overview of the Haitian Revolution

- a. [PBS "Egalite for all" w/ video questions](#)
- b. YouTube playlist: [Revolutions](#) (videos in English and Spanish)
- c. Haitian Revolution overview reading in [English](#) & [Spanish](#)

4. Legacy of the Haitian Revolution

- a. Black Lives Matter & Haitian Revolution (PearDeck Slides [Spanish](#) and Slides in [English](#))

5. Haiti Today

- a. How does Haiti go from one of the most prosperous colonies in the world to one of the poorest countries in the world?
 - i. [Google Slides on the Haitian Revolution and modern Haiti](#) (slides start with an overview of modern Haiti and then goes into detail on the origins and trajectory of the Haitian Revolution)
- b. [Stations Activity](#): Legacy of Haitian Revolution (and [in Spanish](#))
 - i. [Haitian Constitution 1801 excerpt](#)
 - ii. Includes Qs for short videos
 1. [Deforestation short video](#) from NY Times
 2. History of Haiti (animated clip) [English/ Spanish](#)

6. Further Exploration

- a. ["Black in Latin America PBS video: Haiti & Dominican Republic, an Island Divided"](#)
 - i. Available on [DVD from PBS](#) or to stream from Amazon Prime
 - ii. [Video focus questions](#)
- b. [Haiti: Road Trip Documentary](#) full video
- c. Dubois & Garrigus. *Slave Revolution in the Caribbean, 1789- 1804: A Brief History with Documents*. Boston, MA.: Bedford/ St. Martin's, 2017

- d. Popkin, Jeremy D. *A Concise History of the Haitian Revolution*. Chichester, West Sussex.: John Wiley & Sons, 2012
- e. Dubois, Laurent. *Avengers of the New World: The Story of the Haitian Revolution*. Cambridge, MA.: Belknap Press, 2004
- f. [Knight, Franklin W. "The Haitian Revolution and the Notion of Human Rights." *The Journal of the Historical Society*. Fall 2005.](#)
- g. [Collins, Lauren. "The Haitian Revolution and the Hole in French High-School History." *The New Yorker*, December 3, 2020.](#)
- h. [Cotard & Dubois. "The Slave Revolution That Gave Birth to Haiti." A Digital and Print Comic Book About the Haitian Revolution](#)
- i. Episode 2 of HBO's ["Exterminate All the Brutes"](#) on the significance of the Haitian Revolution