

History 1412: The African Diaspora in the Americas – Fall, 2013

Unit one: *“What relations do Africans and their descendants in different parts of the Americas bear to one another?”*

Agenda:

- Unpack the collaborative annotation exercise.
- Write a working definition of “the African Diaspora.”
- Discuss place, movement, and scale in readings.
- Create the database to use for the WorldMap assignment due in two weeks.

Objectives:

- Analyze similarities and differences in uses of “diaspora” over time and articulate a working definition of the concept of the African Diaspora.
- Discuss the importance of place, movement, and scale in the James Sweet and Alexander Byrd texts.
- Establish systems for recording geographic information in the texts in order to use it for the WorldMap assignment.

Elements of “Diaspora”

Author	Use of “diaspora”

Definition of the African Diaspora:

James Sweet, *Domingos Álvares*:

Places	Journeys

Alexander Byrd, *Captives and Voyagers*:

Places	Journeys