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Lecture Course: Race and Ethnicity in American History from Early Colonial Times to the Present

Winter Semester 2018-19: Review Sheet

The following list of 20 concepts and terms will help you to prepare your exams. In your oral and written exams you will be expected to explain a selection from this list. In your answers you should be able to demonstrate a clear and basic understanding of these terms, including chronology, factual content and broader historical context. For example, in explaining the term *Dred Scott Decision*, you should be able to provide the following information: *In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Missouri Compromise of 1820/21, which had excluded slavery from the western territories, was unconstitutional. Moreover, the Court found that even free blacks could never be U.S. citizens because of their supposed racial inferiority. The decision aggravated the sectional conflict over the expansion of slavery, which ultimately led to secession and the Civil War, and it reinforced negative racial stereotypes of blacks.*

Racism

The Noble Savage

Slavery and Race

Scots Irish

Naturalization Act of 1790

Paternalism

Uncle Tom's Cabin

Anglo-Saxonism

Trail of Tears

Know Nothings

Jim Crow Laws

Booker T. Washington

Chinese Exclusion Act

Polygenesis

Eugenics Movement

Melting Pot

National Origins Act of 1924

An American Dilemma

Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka

Immigration Reform Act of 1965