

Virginia Montessori Association Virtual Conference 2020  
“Montessori ACTION for Equity”

These videos are offered for preview before viewing the presentation by Sheri Bishop  
**“Acknowledging Our Historical Truth...a Necessary Path to Reconciliation”**

These short videos help participants understand concepts like the critical role slavery and the slave trade played in the early American economy and the revolutionary and everyday resistance of enslaved people to a system that would dehumanize them. They offer ways to better understand the nation’s development around slavery, that institution’s impact on the lives of enslaved people, and the countless ways that enslaved people influenced the culture and history of what is now the United States. Participants that view the videos prior to the viewing **“Acknowledging Our Historical Truth...a Necessary Path to Reconciliation”** will walk away with a greater appreciation of the offering. “The deeper the study of history, and about Black American’s current experiences, increases awareness of aversive, personal biases and support of anti-racist policies.” (1)

Total viewing time all the videos is approximately 60 minutes

### **Indigenous Slavery in the New Nation**

<https://www.tolerance.org/frameworks/teaching-hard-history/american-slavery/classroom-videos>

The enslavement of Indigenous peoples stretched from Alaska into South America. It predated and helped shape the system of African enslavement in New England, and it lasted until throughout the 19th century in the West.

### **African Slavery Key Concept 1**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sy3b19wJ-kU&list=PLkNRS7yXuH24cZfmdCpzRIKiX9pW\\_BADu](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sy3b19wJ-kU&list=PLkNRS7yXuH24cZfmdCpzRIKiX9pW_BADu)

Slavery, which Europeans practiced before they invaded the Americas, was important to all colonial powers and existed in all North American colonies. Virginians changed British law to protect the growing institution of slavery in the 17th century.

### **African Slavery Key Concept 2**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pm5JtII4is>

Slavery and the slave trade were central to the development and growth of the colonial economies and what is now the United States. Enslaved people in an area just outside New Orleans rippled across the globe to create wealth for the growing nation.

### **African Slavery Key Concept 3**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2a5A1XI01Ws>

Protections for slavery were embedded in the founding documents; enslavers dominated the federal government, Supreme Court and Senate from 1787 through 1860. Constitution, written when slavery was seen as a “dying institution,” actually protected the institution and allowed enslavers to aggressively defend its expansion.

### **African Slavery Key Concept 4**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n58wc8lzR\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n58wc8lzR_k)

Slavery was an institution of power, designed to create profit for the enslavers and break the will of the enslaved and was a relentless quest for profit abetted by racism.

### **African Slavery Key Concept 5**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LhTLaNwELU>

Enslaved people resisted the efforts of their enslavers to reduce them to commodities in both revolutionary and everyday ways.

### **African Slavery Key Concept 6**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onHR\\_3fOVt8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onHR_3fOVt8)

The experience of slavery varied depending on time, location, crop, labor performed, size of slaveholding and gender.

### **African Slavery Key Concept 7**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYzY0xC\\_IHQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYzY0xC_IHQ)

Slavery was the central cause of the Civil War.

### **African Slavery Key Concept 8**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5t-4HaJ\\_ERY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5t-4HaJ_ERY)

Slavery shaped the fundamental beliefs of Americans about race and whiteness, and white supremacy was both a product and legacy of slavery.

### **African Slavery Key Concept 9**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gb-gSnOAFG4>

Enslaved and freed people worked to maintain cultural traditions while building new ones that sustain communities and impact the larger world.

Source: Teaching Tolerance, Teaching Hard History, American Slavery Videos