



**Teaching Difficult Histories:
An Introduction to Brown University's
Choices Program Curriculum Units**

Thursday and Friday, February 2-3, 2023
American School of Barcelona
Barcelona, Spain

Draft Agenda, Subject to Change

Featured Digital Curriculum Units (Provided):

[*Racial Slavery in the Americas: Resistance, Freedom, and Legacies*](#)

[*Colonization and Independence in Africa*](#)

[*Confronting Genocide: Never Again?*](#)

[*Imperial America: U.S. Global Expansion, 1890-1915*](#)

Thursday, February 2, 2023

9:00 **Coffee and Informal Conversation**

9:15 **Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of the Program**

9:45 **Introduction to the Choices Program: Curriculum and Approaches for Teaching About Historical and Current Issues**

10:15 **Exploring Choices' History Curriculum: *Racial Slavery in the Americas: Resistance, Freedom, and Legacies* Curriculum Unit**

This unit, appropriate for World and U.S. History courses, provides a wide-ranging overview of racial slavery in the Americas and the opportunity for students to consider how the past shapes the present.

12:00 **Lunch Provided**

12:45 **Racial Slavery Unit (Continued)**

Break

2:15 **Colonization and Independence in Africa Curriculum Unit**

This unit explores Africa in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and considers the changes colonialism imposed on selected African societies as well as African resistance to colonialism.

3:45 **Debrief:** How will I implement materials from these two units into my classroom?

4:00 **Program Ends**

4:30 **Informal, optional gathering at a nearby restaurant**

Friday, February 3, 2023

9:00 **Coffee and Informal Conversation**

9:15 **Confronting Genocide: Never Again? Curriculum Unit**

This unit explores the problem of genocide and the responses of selected local governments, the United States, and the international community to historical and current genocides.

12:00 **Lunch Provided**

1:00 **U.S. History Curriculum Spotlight: *Imperial America: U.S. Global Expansion* Curriculum Unit**

This unit explores the historical connections between the United States' settler colonialism in North America (also called "westward expansion") and the nation's acquisition of overseas countries and territories following the War of 1898.

3:30 **Debrief:** How will I implement materials from these two units into my classroom?

3:45 **Evaluation and Wrap Up**

4:00 **Program Ends**

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