

Democracy, Race, and the 'Peculiar Institution'

I. Slavery and Freedom, The American Paradox

A. A Slave-holding Republic?

1. American Revolution

2. US Constitution

B. Slavery, Freedom, and Frederick Douglass: 'What to the slave is the 4th of July?' (1852)

II. Slavery and the Old South

A. The Expansion of Slavery

B. Planters, Paternalism, and the Proslavery Argument

1. Slave Labor

2. Discipline and Brutality

III. Slave Culture and Resistance

A. The Family

B. Resistance

1. **Slave revolts:** Stono Rebellion, SC, 1739, Gabriel Prosser, Richmond, VA, 1800; Denmark Vesey, Charleston, SC, 1822; Nat Turner, Southampton, VA, 1831

2. Running away or lying out

3. Individual and Cultural Resistance

C. The Desire for Freedom