Spring 2016

ENG 325/AFR 325

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Required Texts:
Solomon Northup, *Twelve Years a Slave* (1853)
Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* (1952)
August Wilson, *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* (1981)

Requirements:
Regular attendance and conscientious participation. Two essays (60% of grade); midterm and final examinations (40% of grade).

Guidelines and topics for the essays forthcoming.

Important Dates:
First essay due: Friday, March 4
Second essay due: Monday, May 2
Midterm exam: Wednesday, March 9
Final exam: Monday, May 9, 12:30-2:30

The Order of the Readings:
- *Twelve Years a Slave*
- *The Souls of Black Folk*
- *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*
- *Invisible Man*
- *Sassafrass, Cypress & Indigo*
- From *Angles of Ascent*: Preface(xxiii-xxvii), “Writing Self, Writing Community: An Introduction” (xxix-liii), Gwendolyn Brooks, “Riot” (9-10); Amiri Baraka, “Black Art” (31-

- The Beautiful Struggle