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Tuesday 4-7pm

## Casting of the Die: Study questions

* Who were the indentured servants
  + Poor whites, boys and girls, blacks before 1640
* What does giddings mean when she states that indenture “tended to pass into a property relation”
  + Servitude developed into one person owning the other
* What do you think giddings meant when she states “Acquisition was what this early multinational corporation, later called America, was all about”
  + The acquisition of land, and the produce of the land, enslavement to reap a profit
* Describe the status of African women in colonial America, give examples
  + African woman were considered uncivilized, unfit, and tithable
  + An African woman’s child is predetermined a slave
  + Free African woman were thought of as a different type of human
  + African woman were seen as sex object
* Discuss the implications of the davis and sweat cases
  + Both cases solidified the illegality of interracial sex, marriage, and child-bearing
* What role did religion play in the evolution of colonial America
  + Religion played a central and strategic role in colonial America by supporting and validating the institution of slavery; teaching obedience and servitude; acquiescing the revolutionary spirit of African POWs; passing laws and implementing punishment; the protestant ethic supported the capitalization of interpersonal relationships
* Describe domesticity or the victoran ideal of a domestic institution
  + The domestication of slavery meant that obedient slaves were treated better, while disobedient slaves were treated worse
  + Slaves could now raise organic families
  + Slaves masters provided protection, physical necessities and minimum brutality in return for obedience and loyalty.
  + This led to new slave codes
* Identify the various forms of resistance employed by enslaved and free African women in america. Be specific
  + African woman would poison the their captors
  + African woman would set fire to their captors property & land
  + African woman would agitate other slaves into revolution
  + African woman would do everything they could for freedom
* Why does giddings say the cult of true womanhood left a bitter legacy
  + For white woman, it was used as a means to circumscribe and make educated and wealthy woman dependent instead of fighting for their rights
  + The cult caused black women to prove they were capable of being “ladies”