Boston College

Department of Political Science

Po 298 01 Honors Seminar

**RACE IN AMERICA**

Spring

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Books at Bookstore

Paul Berman, ed., Debating PC (Dell)

Stephen L. Carter, Reflections of an Affirmative Action Baby (Basic)

Stanley Crouch, Notes of a Hanging Judge (Oxford)

Frederick Douglass, The Narrative and Selected Writings (Modern

Library)

Abraham Lincoln, Selected Speeches and Writings (Vintage)

Malcolm X, The Autobiography of Malcolm X (Ballantine)

Anna Deavere Smith, Fires in the Mirror (Anchor)

Richard Wright, Black Boy (Harper)

**Requirements**

1 3-4 pp. paper (to be read in class) and 3 3pp. papers (on the

thought of Lincoln, of Douglass, and of two other authors we read).

The first three papers are due at the last class on that text; the last

paper is due on May 2.

**Schedule of Readings and Discussions**

Week of:

**January** 24Lincoln: Selected Speeches and Writings: pp. 3-148,

especially those starting on pp. 3, 7, 13, 34, 93, 117, 131.

31Lincoln, pp. 149-293, esp. the readings starting on

pp. 149-190, 200, 233, 240, 275, 282, 284.

**February** 7 Lincoln, pp. 294-458, esp. the readings starting on

pp. 300, 335, 338, 343, 345, 348, 368, 373, 405, 418, 427,

449, 454.

14 Frederick Douglass, The Narrative and Selected Writings,

pp. 3-228, esp. 3-127.

21 (rescheduled class) Douglass, selected writings.

28 Douglass, selected writings

**March** 7 Vacation

14 Richard Wright, Black Boy.

21 Black Boy, concl.; Malcolm X, Autobiography.

28 Autobiography, concl.

**April** 4 Stanley Crouch, Notes of a Hanging Judge.

11 Debating P.C., ed. Berman.

18 (rescheduled class) Anna Deavere Smith, Fires in the

Mirror.

25 Carter, Reflections of an Affirmative Action Baby.

**May** 2 Conclusion.