***Book of Negroes***

**Research Paper**

**Due:**

For this assignment, you will have several mini-lessons to develop your understanding of how to conduct and formulate a research paper. Refer to those handouts and notes and include them with your paper.

Read “A word about history” and “For further reading” section of the novel.

**Religion and Spiritual Beliefs**

* Islam and the Qur’an: key practices and celebrations
* Judaism and the Torah: key practices and celebrations
* Christianity and the Bible: key practices and celebrations
* The children of Ham (Bible)

**The Abolitionist Movement**

* Choose three from the following list: John Clarkson, Sir Stanley Hastings, Olaudah Equinano, Alexander Falconbridge, William Wilberforce, Granville Sharp

**Exodus from the Americas to Africa**

* Freetown to Sierra Leone
* Marcus Garvey and his “back to Africa” doctrine

**African Culture**

* Oral traditions and the role of the *djeli* or storyteller in traditional cultures
* Traditional mediums of exchange such as the cowrie shell
* Slavery in Africa before the arrival of the European slave trade
* Scarification
* Female Genital Mutilation
* Traditions of community living, extended families, child and elder care.
* Free born Muslims and slavery in West Africa

**Slave Factories and the Slave Trade**

* How Africans came to be abducted in Africa
* The concept of the slave factory and some of the best known slave forts or castles, such as Elmina
* The practice of branding slaves
* The slave ships and how they operated
* The Triangular Trade Route
* Slave revolts aboard slave vessels
* The story of *The Amistad* in 1841
* *The Journal of the Slave Trade,* by John Newton (1418)

**Slavery in the Americas**

* The precise locations where slavery was practiced and enforced, include the Caribbean nations, the United States, and Canada
* The differences in slavery from America and Canada
* The prevalence of urban slavery in Canada, including Upper Canada, Lower Canada, and Nova Scotia
* The rise of the Gullah language in coastal South Carolina
* The torture and public execution of the Montreal slave Marie-Joseph Angeliqu in 1734

**Slavery Rebellion and Escapes**

* Famous slave revolts, including Nat Turner
* The use of newspaper ads about runaway slaves and slaves for sale in Canada and the US

**The Black Loyalists**

* The Black Pioneers, a British military company
* The Book of Negroes document (page 287 of the novel)
* The history of Black Loyalist settlements in Nova Scotia, including the history of the 20th century and its contemporary status. Ie. Look at the descendants and current status.