

# Religion and American Colonial Slavery

## Student Guide

### *Lesson II. Enslaved African Muslims in America*

#### **Begin the Lesson**

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#### **Questions to Check for Understanding**

##### [Step 1. Enslaved African Muslims in America](#)

1. How were African Muslims usually trapped into slavery and sold to America?
2. How did enslaved African Muslims seek to still express their religion while enslaved?

#### **Record Your Observations**

##### [Step 2. Explore These Historical Portraits](#)

Choose a portrait to analyze. What is the number of the portrait you chose? \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare for a class discussion by making observations about the portrait you chose. Write down your ideas. Here are some ideas to explore:

- What stands out to you about his clothing?
- Does he look rich or poor?
- What guesses can you make about his place in society?
- Who do you think created the portrait?
- What other observations can you make about the portrait?

### **Step 3. Learn About the Men in the Portraits**

What is one highlight from each of the lives of the men in the portraits?

- Ayuba Suleiman Diallo
- Yarrow Mamout
- Omar ibn Said
- Abdul Rahman

## **Questions to Check for Understanding**

### **Step 4. Family Memories of Enslaved Muslims in America**

1. What did you learn about the enslaved Muslim Salih Bilali?
2. What did you learn about Salih Bilali's descendants in Georgia?

### **Write About Your Family Traditions**

Write down something interesting about your grandparents, great-grandparents, or other relatives. This could include family traditions, recipes, or stories.

## Prepare for Class Discussion

### Step 5. Prepare for Class Discussion

1. What are 3-4 ideas you learned about African Muslims enslaved in America?
  
2. Be ready to share with the class some interesting things about your grandparents, great-grandparents, or other relatives.
  - How were these family memories passed to you?
  
  - How were family memories passed down from the family of enslaved Muslim Salih Bilali?