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October 23, 2013, Sandra Joshel: Ancient Roman Slavery and American History

October 30, 2013, Stephanie Smallwood: Slavery, Race, and the Origins of American Freedom
November 6, 2013, Stephanie Camp: Slavery, Antebellum America's National Institution

November 13, 2013, Moon-Ho Jung: Race, Empire, and Post-Emancipation Struggles for Freedom

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