To provide schools with instructional resources for the 400th anniversary of the fateful moment when 20 enslaved Africans arrived near Point Comfort, a coastal port in the British colony of Virginia.

- The Division of Academics, Department of English Language Arts-Secondary and the Department of Social Sciences is providing schools with the attached list of Internet resources to assist teachers in recognizing the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first ship of enslaved individuals from Africa to arrive in the British colony of Virginia in late August 1619. The exact date of the arrival has been lost to history however, August 20th is the date when the arrival is commemorated annually.

- The 1619 Project, an initiative from The New York Times Magazine, has dedicated an entire issue to this milestone commemoration.

- The attached list of Internet resources, with brief descriptions, are provided to assist teachers in instructing about slavery and providing insight to students about the recognition of the 400th anniversary.

- Teachers are encouraged to infuse lessons and activities accordingly into their Social Sciences' or English Language Arts' instructional time. This topic is most fitting for grades 5, 6, and 11 United States History and grades 8 and 9 World History as well as 11th grade English Language Arts.

- Teachers are encouraged to adapt the resources as needed so that they are appropriate for their particular students.

- A link to the entire The New York Times Magazine special issue: The 1619 Project can be found HERE. A modern browser, (i.e. Chrome, Edge, Firefox, etc.) is required to access this link.

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