

*Uncle Tom's Cabin* and Abolitionist Literature  
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**Zoom link will be sent a week before the first meeting**

**Recommended text**

Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, edited by Susan M. Ryan (Norton, 2023)

<https://www.amazon.com/Uncle-Toms-Cabin-Norton-Library/dp/0393871592/>

**Course Calendar**

Wednesday, October 25, 6-7:30pm (online)

- Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* ch. 1–11
- Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, “Eliza Harris”  
(<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/52447/eliza-harris>)
- Frederick Douglass, excerpts from “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?”  
(<https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/nations-story-what-slave-fourth-july>)

Saturday, November 4, 10-11:30am (on location at the Rosenbach)

- No reading assignment for today. Class members are invited to a special tour of the Rosenbach's collection of abolitionist and Civil War-era materials, including a recently acquired first edition of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Following our tour of the collections, class members are invited to explore the exhibit *Succession: Why Presidential History Matters Now*.

Wednesday, November 8, 6-7:30pm (online)

- Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* ch. 12–23
- Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, “The Slave Auction”  
(<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/47686/the-slave-auction>)
- Phillis Wheatley, “On Being Brought from Africa to America”  
(<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/45465/on-being-brought-from-africa-to-america>)

Wednesday, November 29, 6-7:30pm (online)

- Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* ch. 24-34
- *Voices in the Campaign for Abolition* (<https://www.bl.uk/restoration-18th-century-literature/articles/british-slave-narratives>)
- David Walker, *Walker's Appeal* (PDF provided by the instructor)

Wednesday, December 13, 6-7:30pm (online)

- Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* ch. 35-45
- Josiah Henson, excerpts from *Life of Josiah Henson* (PDF provided by the instructor)
- George Moses Horton, "The Southern Refugee"  
(<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/55901/the-southern-refugee>)