Studies of Racism and African Identity in ASECS Publications A Bibliography

Gathered here are citations for articles published in Eighteenth-Century Studies and Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture that examine racism, the concept of race, and African identity under strained race relations. From an essay on Immanuel Kant, who established the first scientific definition for race, to a study of Phyllis Wheatley, who became the first published African-American poet and a strong supporter of the American Revolution, these works make clear that the eighteenth century's ideas of race and racism reverberate into the present day. While we are currently amid the largest civil rights movement in history, I believe it is important that we look to the past and see how far we have come in our progress and ideals, and also how little has changed in some regards. I hope that anyone who picks up one of these pieces enjoys reading them as much as I did.

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