

**Chapter Three**  
**Primary Source Exercise**  
**HIST 2111 FA 19**

**Readings:**

**(1) Gottlieb Mittelberger *On the Misfortune of indentured Servants* (1754):**

<http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/documents/1600-1650/gottlieb-mittelberger-on-the-misfortune-indentured-servants.php>

**(2) Olaudah Equiano, *The Life of Gustavus Vassa* (1789):**

<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/mod/Vassa.asp>

*After you have read the two primary sources listed above (as well as Chapter Three, and watched the video for this module), answer the following questions, based on what you know about slavery and indentured servitude in the English colonies, as well as what you know about the English Colonies themselves:*

1. What seems to be the explicit purpose of each document? Who were these texts written by, and for whom was it written and why? Can you identify an example from each text?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Can you discern any implicit purpose(s) in each document? What else might the authors reasonably have had in mind, why, and what evidence can you locate to substantiate this?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What type(s) of people appear in each document? What role(s) are do these groups of people play?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Both documents ostensibly deal with the issue of freedom and bondage; what do you think will be the impact of the American Revolution on Americans' attitudes towards indentured servitude and slavery?