

## TIMELINE: 1400s – 1600s

1400s

- European transatlantic slave trade begins

1441

- Africans stolen from Mauritania by Portuguese

1452

- Dum Diversas - Pope Nicholas V sanctions slavery "We grant to you full and free power, through the Apostolic authority by this edict, to invade, conquer, fight, subjugate the Saracens and pagans, and other infidels and other enemies of Christ..."

1492

- Inter Caetera - Pope Alexander VI - gives religious sanction to colonize and enslave people
- Columbus lands in Hispanolia - Tainos people decimated

1501

- Columbus's son captures and enslaves African people to replace decimated indigenous people in Hispanoila as labor force

Early 1500s

- Not yet enslaved peoples in the U.S.

1525

- Spaniards carry enslaved people to South Carolina...but they rebel and the settlement fails

1565

- Spaniards carry 800 people including 50 Africans, both free and enslaved, to St. Augustine

1619

- English carry first enslaved peoples to Virginia. Slavery is not yet encoded into law.

1660s

- English & Irish Catholics in Maryland enact some of the earliest laws codifying race
  - 1663 slavery became a lifelong condition
  - 1664 interracial marriages were penalized
  - 1664 Christian baptism was eliminated as an avenue for slave emancipation