

IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas

Within the fabric of American identity is woven a story that has long been invisible—the lives and experiences of people who share African American and Native American ancestry.

African and Native peoples came together in the Americas. Over centuries, African Americans and Native Americans created shared histories, communities, families, and ways of life. Prejudice, laws, and twists of history have often divided them from others, yet African-Native American people were united in the struggle against slavery and dispossession, and then for self-determination and freedom.

For African-Native Americans, their double heritage is truly indivisible.

1. For many of us, we have come from more than one heritage. We know many people who can claim multiple heritages, and the future looks to more intermarriages between people of different races and cultures. Can you write on how you think society will change with changing populations? Will this make us more or less tolerant? What if we were all of mixed background—will we lose our cultural identities? Will we embrace them all?

