

Dutch 171AC

From New Amsterdam to New York: Race, Culture, and Identity in New Netherland



Wikimedia Commons, Johannes Vingboons, *Gezicht op Nieuw Amsterdam*, 1664

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What would it mean to begin modern American history on the island of Manhattan instead of New England? We intend to question the Anglo-American perspective on the representation of cultural identity, national identity, ethnicity, and race by contrasting the traditional foundation story of the United States with that of the 17th-century Dutch colony on Manhattan. Readings will include historical and ethnographic writings, self-representations of the different ethnic groups, and fictional accounts.

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