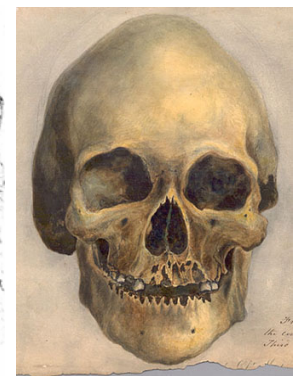


Who are “Americans”?

How do we know?



Defining Americans

HIST 398-2 (MWF 10:00-10:50, DuSable 446) with Prof. Harvey



Literature, science, and political thought continually attempted to establish just who was and who was not “American” from the late 18th through the mid-19th centuries. It was a crucial project for a new nation that derived its legitimacy from the consent of the governed. We will **read and discuss** the competing racial, linguistic, and gender ideas that U.S. citizens and noncitizens (women, nonwhites, and foreign visitors) used to define “Americans” in the contexts of republicanism and democratization, immigration and economic change, slavery and “manifest destiny.”