

African American History

Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dewey Decimal Classification Numbers

- 305.8 Racial, Ethnic and National Groups
- 306 Culture and Institutions
- 323 Civil and Political Rights
- 326 Slavery and Emancipation
- 342 Constitutional and Administration Law
- 344 Social, Labor, Welfare and Related Law
- 973 General History, North America, United States
- 975 General History, North America, Southeastern United States
- BIO Adult Biography
- JB Juvenile Biography

African-American Comprehensive Websites

Aboard the Underground Railroad

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/underground/> An introduction to the Underground Railroad through photos and stories.

About.com: African-American History

<http://afroamhistory.about.com/> About.com website includes slave narratives and essays on the abolition movement, the black codes, Civil War and emancipation, the Harlem Renaissance and the Civil Rights movement.

African American: A Journey from Slavery to Freedom

<http://www.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/aaslavry.htm> Long Island University site, contains short essays on the slave trade, the underground railroad, the Dred Scott case, the Civil War, etc., biographical sketches of Abraham Lincoln, Gabriel Prosser, Harriet Tubman, etc., and suggestions for further reading.

African American History

<http://historicaltextarchive.com/sections.php?op=listarticles&secid=8>

Very large collection of African American history links to a wide range of cultural and historical African American concerns.

AFRO-America's Black History Museum

<http://www.afro.com/history/history.html> An interactive set of exhibits highlighting African-American contributions throughout United States history.

America's Reconstruction – People and Politics after the Civil War

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/reconstruction/index.html> Part of the Digital History website, includes a narrative of the Reconstruction period by Eric Foner, a timeline, a Reconstruction quiz and a resource guide.

AT&T Education Knowledge Network Explorer

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/BHM/index.html> Lessons, webquests, information for students, teachers, parents, and librarians.

Enchanted Learning: African American History

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/history/us/aframer/> Young children can learn about African-American scientists, inventors, doctors, and leaders on this site. Also included are related coloring sheets.

Encyclopaedia Britannica's Guide to Black History

<http://search.eb.com/blackhistory> Comprehensive Black History site with a timeline, biographies, subject browse, source documents, multimedia tools, image gallery, learning activities, and Internet Guide.

Gale Cengage Learning

www.galegroup.com/free_resources/bhm/ Comprehensive Black History Research links including activities, biographies, timelines, literature, and even quizzes.

Gateway to African American History

http://usinfo.state.gov/scv/history_geography_and_population/population_and_diversity/african_americans/African_American_History_Month.html U.S. Department of State site, contains information about African American history month, African American census facts, and links to other African American history sites.

The History Channel: Voices of the Civil Rights

<http://www.history.com/classroom/voices/> This is a companion website for Voices of the Civil Rights by the History Channel for students and educators. It includes a study guide, a timeline, video and audio clips and primary resources.

KidsClick!

<http://www.kidsclick.org/cgi-bin/searchkids.pl?searchtype=all&keywords=african-americans+biography&title=Biography+African-American> Online African-American Biographies gathered for kids by librarians.

Kids Domain: Black History

http://www.kidsdomain.com/kids/links/Black_History.html Learn about famous African Americans and other aspects of Black history from the sites listed here.

Kulture Kidz

<http://www.aakulturezone.com/kidz/abc/index.html> Younger kids can learn about African American culture through a basic online encyclopedia, book lists, photograph gallery, and Black Inventor Sections.

Library of Congress: African American Odyssey

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aohtml/aohome.html> Rare and unique items from the Library's vast African-American collections are accessible online via the National Digital Library. Look at government documents, manuscripts, maps, musical scores, films and recordings or the "Frederick Douglass Papers," "Jackie Robinson Collection," or "Slave Narratives."

Lyndon B. Johnson Library: Civil Rights for Kids

<http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/johnson/lbjforkids/civil.shtm> Approachable and kid-friendly look at Civil Rights history for kids.

National Civil Rights Museum: Virtual Tour

<http://www.civilrights museum.org/gallery/movement.asp> Take a virtual tour of the Civil Right Movement.

National Geographic

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/railroad/j1.html> Fabulous interactive site about the Underground Railroad. Imagine being a slave and trying to escape from slavery to freedom in Canada. Make decisions and see if freedom awaits.

New York Public Library's "Images of African Americans from the 19th Century

http://digital.nypl.org/schomburg/images_aa19/ Digital image collection of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library, extensive collection of photographs and engravings.

PBS: African American World

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/> Online guide to African American history and culture including a reference room, resource page, and pages especially for kids and classroom use.

Scholastic's Culture & Change: Black History in America

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bhistory/> Meet famous African Americans, listen to jazz music, publish writing, and explore history with an interactive timeline.

Speeches

http://www.nps.gov/archive/malu/documents/speeches_toc.htm Full text of speeches supporting civil rights, from 1849 to the present.

Biographical Websites

Black History Inventors- Black History Month

http://inventors.about.com/od/blackinventors/a/Black_History.htm "Each listing has the name of the black inventor followed by the patent number(s) which is the unique number assigned to an invention when a patent is issued, the date the patent was issued, and a description of the invention as written by the inventor".

Black Inventors A-Z

<http://inventors.about.com/library/blblackinventors.htm> The site offers a list of famous black inventors and their inventions in alphabetical order.

Encyclopedia of Prominent African Americans.

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/african-americans/resource/4429.html> Contains additional biographies of prominent African Americans arranged in alphabetical order.

Explore D.C. – Biographies of African Americans

<http://www.exploredc.org/index.php?id=42> "The stories of the African American citizens who helped build and shape Washington."

The Faces of Science: African Americans in the Sciences

<https://webfiles.uci.edu/mcbrown/display/faces.html> Princeton University site, short biographical sketches of African Americans who have made significant contributions in science and engineering. Also contains graphs and bibliographies about African American scientists.

The King Center

<http://www.thekingcenter.org/mlk/index.html> Founded by Coretta Scott King in 1968. Website includes biographies of Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott King, a selected bibliography, information on the Martin Luther King holiday and on the King Center.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birth Home Virtual Tour

http://www.nps.gov/archive/malu/BirthHomeTour/mlk_parents.html Take a virtual 360 degree tour of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's home.

Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement

<http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/special/mlk/> Seattle Times website, includes a short biography of Martin Luther King, Jr., selected speeches, web links, study guide and photographs.

The Official Website of Malcolm X

<http://www.cmgww.com/historic/malcolm/home.php> Includes a biography, quotations, photographs, and the text of the eulogy delivered by Ossie Davis.

Surfnetkids.com: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Quiz

<http://www.surfnetkids.com/games/king-sw.htm> Know everything about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr? Take this fun quiz to find out.

Genealogical

AfriGeneas

<http://www.afrigeneas.com/welcome.html> AfriGeneas is a site devoted to African-American genealogy, to researching African Ancestry in the Americas in particular and to genealogical research and resources in general.

History and Timelines

African-American History Timeline-

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhmtimeline.html>

Civil Rights Timeline

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/civilrightstimeline1.html>

Encyclopaedia Britannica's Black History Timeline: Through the Centuries

<http://search.eb.com/blackhistory/timeline?tocId=9433428>

Famous Firsts by African Americans -

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhmfirsts.html>

PBS- African American World Timeline-

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/timeline.html>

Time for Kids: " Black History- Then to Now" Timeline-

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/specials/bhm/0,8805,97502,00.html>