

African American History

Online Reference Resources *Secondary*

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The following online databases are available through the Library Media Services Virtual Library located at <http://it.dadeschools.net/library/index.htm>. The databases highlighted below contain resources, including primary sources/documents, which provide information on African American History, the American Civil War, and the Civil Rights Movement. Along with reference content, some of the online databases listed below include lesson plans, multimedia files (photographs, videos, charts/graphs), activities, worksheets, and answer keys. Contact your library media specialist for username and password.

All the online databases listed below may be accessed from the District's Virtual Library located at http://virtuallibrary.dadeschools.net/elem_resources.htm.

Database	Suggested Search Term(s)*	Type of Files	Sample Search(es)
Grolier Online	<i>African American History, Civil Rights Movement, Civil War, Black History Month</i>	Encyclopedia articles, websites, media, news feature stories and magazines	Enter search term " <i>African American History</i> ." In the search results, click on the African American History link. Scroll to the Multimedia link on the right side and choose the March on Washington link to see a short video on the March on Washington and a short clip of Dr. Martin Luther King delivering his "I Have a Dream" speech.
Facts on File Online	<i>African American History, Civil Rights Movement, Civil War, Black History Month</i>	Encyclopedia articles, biographies, narrative histories, primary sources, images, videos, tables, maps, charts	Select the African American History Online database. Click on the Marion Anderson link on the right or enter the search term " <i>Marian Anderson</i> ." Click on the Marian Anderson Performs at the Lincoln Memorial link on the bottom right to watch opera singer, Marian Anderson, sing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1939.
Gale	<i>African American History, Civil Rights Movement, Civil War, Black History Month</i>	Magazines, newspapers, academic journals, eBooks, podcasts, images, maps, charts, graphs	Enter the search term "Black History". Click on the link, Interview: Gail Buckley discusses the history of black soldiers in America's wars to read a radio transcript from the Tavis Smiley show of author Gail Buckley discussing the contributions made by African-Americans in several wars, defending a country that often did not recognize them.
SIRS Knowledge Source	<i>African American History, Civil Rights Movement, Civil War, Black History Month</i>	Newspapers, magazines, government documents, primary sources, reference, graphics, websites.	Enter the search term "Black History". Click on the Graphics/Media link on the left. Click on the Rosa Parks Bus/Henry Ford Museum link to see a picture of the actual bus on which Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to move to the back of the bus.

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World Book Online	<i>African American History, Civil Rights Movement, Civil War, Black History Month</i>	Encyclopedia articles, tables, sounds, historical maps, pictures, videos, “back in time articles,” special reports, web sites, research guides, timelines. (This database contains Spanish and French encyclopedias, <i>Enciclopedia Estudiantil</i> and <i>L’Encyclopédie Découverte</i> .)	Enter search term “African Americans.” Click on the link entitled Selma Marches . Click on the video link Historical commentary and footage of the Selma civil rights march to see a short documentary video on the Selma marches, a series of protests for African American voting rights. The marches took place in Alabama in March 1965. They contributed to the United States Congress passing the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The marches were led by the civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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* Students may use other terms (words, phrases, cities, historical events, proper names, etc.) found in the 2011 Black History Instructional Resource Packet provided by the Division of Social Studies and Life Skills.

Related Web Sites

Museum of African American History

<http://www.maah-detroit.org/>

The Detroit museum’s Web site features information for visitors, including a calendar of events and news of upcoming exhibitions.

Conflict of Abolition and Slavery

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/african/afam007.html>

An illustrated history of slavery and the abolition movement in America.

15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Voting Rights (1870)

<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=44>

Passed by Congress February 26, 1869, and ratified February 3, 1870, the 15th amendment granted African American men the right to vote.

A Letter from Jackie Robinson: Civil Rights Advocate

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured_documents/jackie_robinson_letter/

Jackie Robinson was a Civil Rights advocate. This site features a letter from Robinson to President Dwight D. Eisenhower where he "responded to Presidential civil rights comments amid continuing controversy over school desegregation efforts in Little Rock, AR, and the South."

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African American Art

http://www.artic.edu/artaccess/AA_AfAm/index.html

The Art Institute of Chicago's collection of African American art provides a rich introduction to over 100 years of noted achievements in painting, sculpture, and printmaking. Ranging chronologically from the Civil War era to the Harlem Renaissance and from the civil-rights struggles following World War II to the contemporary period, these works constitute a dynamic visual legacy.

African American Odyssey

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aahtml/aohome.html>

This Library of Congress exhibition, The African American Odyssey: A Quest for Full Citizenship, showcases the Library's incomparable African American collections. Include a wide array of important and rare government documents, manuscripts, maps, musical scores, plays, films, and recordings.

African American Perspectives

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aap/aaphome.html>

"The African American Pamphlets from the Daniel A. P. Murray Collection contains 351 rare pamphlets offering insight into attitudes and ideas of African-Americans between Reconstruction and the First World War."

African American World

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

African American World is a guide to National Public Radio (NPR) and Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) sites about African American history, arts and culture, and race and society, as well as profiles of African Americans.

African-American Heritage

http://www.nps.gov/history/delta/afri_amer/heritage.htm

"Throughout the Mississippi River Valley a varied array of historic places reflects the richness of African-American history. These places tell the well-known stories of the contributions of such African Americans as Harlem Renaissance literary figure Arna W. Bontemps, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alex Haley, legendary bluesman W.C. Handy, and civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

African-American Soldiers During the Civil War

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/timeline/civilwar/aasoldrs/soldiers.html>

Read historical documents describing African-American participation in the Civil War.

Black History Timeline

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bhistory/timeline/game.htm>

"This resource is a timeline that documents the evolution of Black History by highlighting key African American historical figures and events."

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A House Divided

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/ahd/index.html>

This richly illustrated exhibit explores American society before, during, and after the Civil War.

Africans in America

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/home.html>

This huge Web site is designed to supplement a PBS television series on slavery in America. It is divided into four time periods: 1450-1750, 1750-1805, 1791-1831, and 1831-1865. Includes biographies, historical documents, and activities.

Afro-Americans

[http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/detr:@field\(SUBJ+@band\(African+Americans+\)\)](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/detr:@field(SUBJ+@band(African+Americans+)))

Digital collection of 90 early photographs depicting everyday life of African Americans.

American Experience / Eyes on the Prize / PBS

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/eyesontheprize/>

Online guide to 'Eyes on the Prize,' an Emmy Award-winning documentary series chronicling the American civil rights movement. Includes numerous photos and video segments, profiles of key figures, primary sources, and much more.

American Experience/Reconstruction: The Second Civil War/PBS

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/reconstruction/>

Primary sources, video clips, photos, a map, a time line, Q&A, and other materials on Reconstruction and the rise of white supremacy in the South.

American Slave Narratives: An Online Anthology

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~hyper/wpa/wpahome.html>

Transcripts of 13 accounts (one with sound files) by former slaves of their experiences on plantations, on farms, and in cities. Recorded from 1936 to 1938 by the staff of the Federal Writers' Project. From the Univ. of Virginia's American Studies Web site.

Black History - Biography - Celebrate Black History Month & People

<http://www.biography.com/blackhistory/>

Biography Channel (A&E Television) devoted this educational Web site to African American pioneers. Includes fast facts, videos, quizzes, time lines, a tour of the Apollo Theater, numerous biographies, and information on the origin of Black History Month.

CivilWar@Smithsonian

<http://www.civilwar.si.edu/>

This site examines the Civil War through the Smithsonian Institution's extensive collections. Included are a time line and numerous images.

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EOA: African American Union Troops

<http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/face/Article.jsp?id=h-2022>

Detailed, illustrated article on the United States Colored Troops--African American regiments that were part of the Union Army during the Civil War.

National Civil Rights Museum

<http://www.civilrights museum.org/>

The National Civil Rights Museum (in Memphis, Tenn.) offers a comprehensive overview of the civil rights movement. A virtual tour provides a guide to the organizations, people, events, and court cases associated with the struggle for equality.

NMAAHC - Exhibitions and Programs

<http://nmaahc.si.edu/section/programs>

Highlights from the collections and exhibitions of the National Museum of African-American History and Culture (part of the Smithsonian Institution) in Washington, D.C.

NYPL, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

<http://www.nypl.org/research/sc/sc.html>

One of the best sources for research in African American history and culture, the Center (which is part of the New York Public Library) offers access to its digital collections and online exhibitions.

The African-American Mosaic Exhibition

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/african/intro.html>

This online exhibit is based on the Library of Congress's vast holdings on African American history and culture. It samples the following subject areas: colonization, abolition, migrations, and the WPA.

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

<http://www.freedomcenter.org/>

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (in Cincinnati, Ohio) offers a time line, biographies, and other information on abolitionism and the secret network that helped slaves escape to freedom, as well as on slavery that exists today. Includes multimedia.

The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow/PBS

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/jimcrow/>

Historic documents, photos, narratives, and interactive resources accompany articles on the key events (1863-1954), organizations, and people of Jim Crow America.