



**California Council for the Social Studies  
Black History Month Web Resources  
for Teachers  
2016**

**African American History Month – Library of Congress**

<http://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/index.html>

This is a first rate site with primary resources specifically for the classroom. Included are Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello: Paradox of Liberty, Black Women in American Culture, Spirit of Tuskegee, Photos of the Harlem Renaissance, etc.

**Depth and Dimension with Five Black History Month Lessons**

<http://ww2.kqed.org/education/2016/01/28/depth-and-dimension-with-five-black-history-month-lessons/?elq=48aa987940254d20a43a8721b21cdf3&elqCampaignId=1046&elqaid=3788&elqat=1&elqTrackId=a21602366d614833a3bfeba4a143e5de>

Add depth and dimension to your Black History Month lessons with a selection of resources highlighting key events, movements, and traditions as well as notable leaders, poets, and musicians from the PBS Learning Media collection.

**Teaching with Historic Places Featuring African American History**

[http://www.nps.gov/history/aahistory/teachers\\_afam.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/aahistory/teachers_afam.htm)

The places and lessons at this site feature Booker T. Washington National Monument, Chicago's Black Metropolis, Two American Entrepreneurs: Madam C.J. Walker and J.C. Penney, the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March: Shaking the Conscience of a Nation, and New Philadelphia: A Multiracial Town on the Illinois Frontier.

**Reconstruction: The Second Civil War**

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

This highly acclaimed American Experience PBS film series is a must for American history teachers. Spanning the momentous years from 1863 to 1877, *Reconstruction* tracks the extraordinary stories of ordinary Americans -- Southern and Northern, white and black -- as they struggle to reshape society torn by violence and create new opportunities for themselves after the Civil War and the amendments ended slavery. Need to purchase the video.

**The Abolitionists – American Experience**

<http://ca.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/abolitionists/>

In the mid-19th century, the abolitionist movement in the United States sought the immediate emancipation of all enslaved people. These passionate antislavery activists—men and women, black and white, northerners and southerners, poor and wealthy—led the struggle that forever changed the nation. The media assets in this collection feature historical reenactments and expert interviews that tell the story of some of the people and events that shaped this movement. Clips of the film are embedded in the lessons online.

### **Rise and Fall of Jim Crow**

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

That Jim Crow was a tremendously important period in United States history is undisputable. Less obvious is how to properly address the violence, politics, and complexities that mark the era. Here are a wealth of teacher resources such as maps and lessons to support the PBS site tracing the history and reality of Jim Crow. Check for rebroadcast information on your local PBS station.

### **History News Network – Hot Topics Black History Month**

<http://historynewsnetwork.org/article/9975>

This History News Network site has links to less well know sites related Black History including articles and video resources. This would work best with older students.

### **Celebrate Black History – Education World**

[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_special/black\\_history.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_special/black_history.shtml)

Black history and culture is such a part of the American fabric and the school curriculum. Established as Negro History Week in the 1920's by Carter G. Woodson, February was chosen for the celebration because Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln were born in this month. Extended to a month-long celebration in 1976, Black History Month is an opportunity to emphasize the history and achievements of African Americans. These resources are mostly for younger students.

### **History Channel - Black History Month**

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the US. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent. The materials are good but an annoying ad seems to diminish the experience.

### **Teachinghistory.org**

<http://teachinghistory.org>

Here are hundreds of resources and lessons from the National History Education Clearinghouse, the premier resource site for history educators in the US. To reach them enter the search "African American History."

### **EDSITEment Black History Month Resources**

<http://edsitement.neh.gov/feature/edsitements-guide-black-history-month-teaching-resources>

African Americans were integral to the development of the U.S. At this NEH site teachers, parents, and students will find outstanding resources for telling the story of African Americans as well as some of the most influential voices and the most memorable images from that history, literature and culture.

### **Smithsonian – Black History Teaching Resources**

[http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/resource\\_library/african\\_american\\_resources.html](http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/resource_library/african_american_resources.html)

Each year, the Smithsonian honors Black History Month with a calendar full of activities, an overview of significant topics, and a rich array of downloadable pdf lessons that are featured at this site.

## **Civil Rights Movement**

<http://resources.primarysource.org/content.php?pid=52585&sid=389469>

Primary Source provides resources for teaching and learning about civil rights in the United States. In this guide, you will find books, websites, films, video clips, speeches, and curriculum for your classroom. Most books and films listed in this guide are available from the Primary Source Library.

## **Lessons and Resources for Black History Month**

<http://crf-usa.org/black-history-month/blog>

Divided into seven sections, this CRF offering of materials on Black History Month provides K-12 teachers a great place to begin learning or to forge an in-depth study of African American history.

## **National Museum of African American History and Culture**

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

Learn About the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the newest entry to the Smithsonian complex in Washington D.C. See an overview of the resource that will be available for the public and for educators. Review the opportunities for educators to learn and to participate.