

## Black History Month Websites

How can you decide if a website is useful for a research project?

1. Visit one of these sites
2. Use the Web Site Evaluation questions to evaluate the site
2. On a piece of paper, write down the answers to the Who, What, When, Where, Why questions
3. Then, summarize what you like best about the site.

### 1. African American Odyssey

Part 1 of this unique look at The Civil Rights Era touches on Desegregation, The Psychological Effects of Racism, The Brown Decision, Daisy Bates and The Little Rock Nine, The Montgomery Bus Boycott, as well as Civil Rights in the Arena and on the Stage. Part 2 discusses Sit-ins, Freedom Rides, Demonstrations, and The Voting Rights Act of 1965. From this page you can also access several exhibitions including Slavery, Free Blacks, Abolition, Civil War, Reconstruction, The Booker T. Washington Era, WWI-Post War and The Depression-WWII.

**URL:** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aahtml/exhibit/aopart9.html>

**Source:** Library of Congress

### 2. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project

This wonderful resource not only includes a King Biography, Encyclopedia, Interactive Timeline, Major Events Chronology from 1929-1968, and the Freedom Struggle Chronology from 1896-1968, but you'll also encounter an entire section filled with published documents. Delve into King's Publications, Speeches, Sermons, Autobiography, and Papers. Explore selected quotes and popular research requests, information about this special project, and lesson plans with resources for classroom study.

**URL:** <http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/>

**Source:** Stanford University

### 3. The Encyclopedia Britannica Guide to Black History

This comprehensive website features *Eras in Black History*, an examination of five centuries of black heritage from the slave revolts to the Civil Rights Movement. You'll find biographies and photographs of notable people throughout, as well as descriptions and documents of historic events. Also, explore the Timeline of Achievements, which gives light to yearly contributions of African-Americans in various aspects of life including the arts and politics. Film clips, audio recordings, a bibliography section, and a study guide for students further enhances this critically acclaimed website.

**URL:** <http://search.eb.com/blackhistory/>

**Source:** Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.

### 4. Gale Resources - Black History

This incredible collection of activities and information was created by Gale to complement classroom topics. Teachers and students will be able to read biographies of significant African-American individuals take a Black History Month quiz, follow a timeline of events that helped shape African-American heritage, and explore activities taken from the Black History Resource Book. The Featured Titles list is an

excellent way to find the best suggestions for further reading on this topic.

**URL:** [http://www.galegroup.com/free\\_resources/bhm/](http://www.galegroup.com/free_resources/bhm/)

**Source:** Thompson - Gale

### **5. The Underground Railroad**

An interactive look at the trials and tribulations experienced by slaves on their road to freedom, this site is modeled after the 'choose your own adventure' idea. There's also a special section for younger kids, a timeline, classroom ideas, resources, and links. The *Faces of Freedom* section explores the biographies of the people brave enough to stand up against slavery and help others to freedom.

**URL:** <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/railroad/j1.html>

**Source:** National Geographic

### **6. Africans in America**

Learn about America's journey through slavery in four parts: *The Terrible Transformation* 1450-1750, *Revolution* 1750-1805, *Brotherly Love* 1791-1831, and *Judgment Day* 1831-1865. Each section has a historical Narrative, Resource Bank, and Teacher's Guide. Click on the Youth Activity Guide to learn more about how to utilize this interactive website.

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

**Source:** WGBH Educational Foundation

### **7. Celebrate Black History Month**

Click on any of the names on this list spanning several decades to learn about great African-Americans. The list includes Hank Aaron, Louis Armstrong, Hurricane Carter, Nat King Cole, Dorothy Dandridge, Whoopi Goldberg, Jimi Hendrix, and many, many more.

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

**Source:** The History Channel - A & E Television Network

### **8. The African-American Mosaic**

This is a visual resource guide for the study of Black History & Culture presented by the Library of Congress. Click on "Colonization" and you'll find rare documents and maps pertaining to this subject. There are also separate sections on Abolition, Migration, and the WPA.

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