

## Black History Month

### Selected Resources

**Black History Month** is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to Black History. <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

Blackmon, Douglas A. ***Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black-Americans from the Civil War to World War II.*** New York: Random House, 2009

Dunbar-Ortiz, Roxanne. ***An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States.*** Boston: Beacon Press, 2014. -the history of the United States told from the perspective of indigenous peoples.

Ortiz, Paul. ***An African American and Latinx History of the United States.*** Boston: Beacon Press, 2018. **Black History.** National Museum of African American History and Culture. Online resources for adults, students and families. <https://nmaahc.si.edu>

**Biographies of Famous Black Americans.** <https://www.biography.com/tag/black-history>

**Biographies, History and Timelines.** <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history>

**Harriet: The Movie:** Netflix

**Ten Black History Documentaries** – <https://to.pbs.org/36xFpCL>

Whitehead, Colson. ***The Underground Railroad.*** New York: Random House, 2016.

**Really? Why are we Celebrating Black History Month** - Carter G Woodson  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Be2j80yFLs>

**Your History Didn't Start With SLAVERY.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfQG5IT6kyQ>

## Lessons Plans and Resources for K-12

Dunbar- Ortiz, Roxanne, adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese. ***An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People***. Boston: Beacon Press, 2019.

Zinn, Howard, adapted by Rebecca Stefoff. ***A Young People's History of the United States***. New York: Seven Stories Press, 2009.

NEA. ***Toolkits for Black History Month and Beyond***. Lesson plans, activities ,historical background resources, quizzes, printables and videos. <http://www.nea.org/tools/lessons/black-history-month.htm>

PBS News. ***Twenty Pertinent Classroom Resources for Black History Month***. Detailed lessons plans with handouts, slide shows, and other resources for each of the segments. <https://to.pbs.org/36y8l4h>

We Are Teachers. ***Twenty Black History Month Activities for February and Beyond***. A large number of short videos for grades K-8 on history and famous black Americans in the areas of civil rights, politics, art, science, and medicine. <https://www.weareteachers.com/7-fresh-ideas-for-black-history-month>

TeacherVision. ***Black History Month Resources***. Comprehensive videos, resources, printables and lesson plans for K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 including history resources, slideshows, and activities in the areas of research, music, drama and language arts. <https://www.teachervision.com/holidays/black-history-month>

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