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## African American History - From Slavery to Freedom

Each year the [Association for the Study of African American Life and History](#) (ASALH) selects a theme for the focus of African American History Month which is celebrated nationally during the month of February. This year the theme is [From Slavery to Freedom: Africans in the Americas](#). The transition from slavery to freedom represents one of the major themes in the history of the African Diaspora in the Americas. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History dedicates its 2007 national theme to the struggles of peoples of African descent to achieve freedom and equality in the Americas during the age of emancipation.

This page is designed to help you find resources available for research on African American History and specifically on the theme for 2007. You will find resources for gathering background information, including selected reference works, databases, and more.

The following link will take you to the U. S. Presidential proclamation announcing the 2007 African American History Month celebration.

[National African American History Month 2007: A Proclamation by the President of the United States](#)

### Getting Background Information

Your search for information can include books, magazines, journals, newspapers, and authoritative Internet Resources. Reference books are a good starting point for gathering background information.

### Selected Reference Books:

**African American Archive**

REF E184.6 .A33 2001

**African American encyclopedia**

REF E185 .A253 2001

**African American history**

REF E185 .A25355 2006

**African American history in the press, 1851-1899**

REF E185.2 .A25 1996

**African American lives**

REF E185.96 .A446 2004

**Black heroes of the 20th century**

REF E185.96 .B5337 1997

**Black women in America**

REF E185.86 .B542 2005

**Civil rights chronicle**

**Encyclopedia of African American society**

REF E185 .E546 2005

**Encyclopedia of Black studies**

REF E185 .E554 2005

**Encyclopedia of civil rights in America**

REF E185.61 .E544 1998

**Freedom days: 365 inspired moments in civil rights history**

REF E185.61 .A232 1998

**Historical and cultural atlas of African Americans**

REF E185 .A8 1991

**Historical dictionary of the civil rights movement**

REF E185.61 .L84 1997

**Lift every voice: African American oratory, 1787-1900**

REF E185.18 .L54 1998

**Notable Black American men**

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REF E185.61 .C5918 2003

**Civil Rights Movement**

REF E185.61 .C615 1996

**Contemporary Black biography**

REF E185.96 .C66

REF E185.86 .N68 1999

**Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

REF E185.97.K5 A2 1992

**Pictorial history of African Americans**

REF E185 .H83 1995

Use the [Library Catalog](#) to find books available in this library. You may find books that provide a broad overview, and others that give more in-depth information. By doing a subject search you will retrieve listings of books that include information on the. You can also search names of individuals involved in the movement as a subject search to find biographical books about these individuals and their involvement in African American History. A few subject headings to try are listed below:

AFRICAN AMERICANS	RECONSTRUCTION U.S. HISTORY 1865-1877
AFRICAN AMERICANS CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY	SLAVE INSURRECTIONS UNITED STATES
AFRICAN AMERICANS CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY 19TH CENTURY	SLAVE NARRATIVES
AFRICAN AMERICANS CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY 20TH CENTURY	SLAVE TRADE
AFRICAN AMERICANS CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY DICTIONARIES	SLAVE TRADE AFRICA
AFRICAN AMERICANS COLONIZATION AFRICA	SLAVE TRADE AFRICA HISTORY
AFRICAN AMERICANS HISTORY	SLAVERY
AFRICAN AMERICANS LIBERIA HISTORY 19TH CENTURY	SLAVERY AMERICA
AFRICAN AMERICANS SEGREGATION	SLAVERY UNITED STATES
ANTISLAVERY MOVEMENTS	SLAVES EMANCIPATION
CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS UNITED STATES HISTORY	SLAVES UNITED STATES
EMANCIPATION UNITED STATES HISTORY SOURCES SLAVES	SLAVES UNITED STATES BIOGRAPHY
RACE DISCRIMINATION	SLAVES WRITINGS AMERICAN
RACISM UNITED STATES	UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

NetLibrary is a provider of many of the Cerritos College Library's collection of electronic books. Their featured book for the month is ***A Companion to African-American Studies***. To access this title, go to the [Library Home Page](#), click on the **eBooks** link to enter **NetLibrary**. To access **NetLibrary** when off campus, you must setup a personal account in their database while on campus.

In celebration of African American History Month, **NetLibrary** has partnered with Blackwell Publishing to offer ***A Companion to African-American Studies*** as the February eBook of the Month. A groundbreaking re-appraisal of the history and future of African-American studies, the Companion includes original essays by expert scholars in the field and covers each topic with authority and clarity.

Edited by Lewis R. Gordon and Jane Anna Gordon, ***A Companion to African-American Studies*** is a

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definitive intervention at a critical time in the history of race relations and in the academic field of race and ethnic studies. Bringing together a dazzling array of established and emergent voices, the Companion opens with a series of reflections from those who waged pitched battles to establish African-American Studies as a bona fide academic discipline and captures the dynamic interaction of African-American Studies with other fields of inquiry.

### *Magazines, Journals, Newspapers and More*

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the **Library Home Page**. Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

[EbscoHost](#)

[Ethnic NewsWatch](#)

[NewsBank InfoWeb](#)

[Project MUSE](#)

[Encyclopedia of World Biography](#) (GaleNet e-book)

### *Internet Sites*

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

#### **African American: A Journey from Slavery to Freedom**

<http://www.liu.edu/cwis/CWP/library/aaslavry.htm>

#### **African American Warriors**

<http://www.aawar.net/>

#### **African-American History and Culture Items List**

<http://rs6.loc.gov/ammem/mchtml/afrbib.html>

#### **African-American Mosaic (Library of Congress)**

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

#### **Americans Celebrate African American History (USINFO site)**

[http://usinfo.state.gov/scv/history\\_geography\\_and\\_population/population\\_and\\_diversity/african\\_americans/African\\_American\\_History\\_Month.html](http://usinfo.state.gov/scv/history_geography_and_population/population_and_diversity/african_americans/African_American_History_Month.html)

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### Internet Sites (cont.)

**Beyond Face Value: Depictions of Slavery in Confederate Currency**

<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/cwc/BeyondFaceValue/beyondfacevalue.htm>

**Celebrate African American Heritage in America's National Parks (National Park Service)**

[http://www.nps.gov/pub\\_aff/african\\_am/parks.htm](http://www.nps.gov/pub_aff/african_am/parks.htm)

**Images of African Americans from the 19th Century (Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture)**

[http://digital.nypl.org/schomburg/images\\_aa19/](http://digital.nypl.org/schomburg/images_aa19/)

**Internet Modern History Sourcebook**

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook12.html#Slavery>

**Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute The**

[http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/liberation\\_curriculum/psacontest/](http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/liberation_curriculum/psacontest/)

**Museum of African American History (Boston & Nantucket)**

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

See the exhibit: A Gathering Place for Freedom.

**National Underground Railroad Freedom Center**

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

**Powerful Days in Black and White (Kodak)**

<http://www.kodak.com/US/en/corp/features/moore/mooreIndex.shtml>

Powerful images photographed by photojournalist, Charles Moore.

**Race and Place: African American Community Histories**

<http://www.vcdh.virginia.edu/afam/home.html>

**Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (New York Public Library)**

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

Visit the Digital Collections pages, and the Quick Links on the Digital Collection opening page.

**Underground Railroad (National Geographic)**

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/99/railroad/>