Collections:

- **African American Perspectives: Title Collection**—collection of 800+ titles from authors such as Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, and Frederick Douglass
- **The African American Experience in Ohio, 1850–1920**—selections from collections at the Ohio History Connection, including newspapers
- **African American Sheet Music**—collection from Brown University of over 1,300 pieces of music
- **African American Odyssey: The Quest for Full Citizenship**—a special presentation of the Library of Congress exhibition showcasing the Library’s extensive African American collections
- **Jackie Robinson and Other Baseball Highlights, 1860s–1960s**—a Web presentation for the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson’s rookie season with the Brooklyn Dodgers
- **An American Time Capsule: Three Centuries of Broadside and Other Printed Ephemera**—an online presentation of the Printed Ephemera collection highlighting 17,000 of the 28,000 pieces in the collection which represent American history from the 1700s to present
- **The Frederick Douglass Papers at the Library of Congress**—a collection from the Manuscript Division of 7,400 items related to Douglass’s life
- **The Zora Neale Hurston Plays at the Library of Congress**—presentation of ten plays written by Hurston between 1925 and 1944
- **Rosa Parks Papers**—a collection of papers and photographs spanning from 1866-2006 relating to the life and activism of Rosa Parks.


- **Maps of Liberia, 1830-1870**—collection including twenty examples from the American Colonization Society
- **Words and Deeds in American History: Selected Documents Celebrating the Manuscript Division’s First 100 Years**—online presentation of ninety documents spanning from the 1400s to mid-1900s
- **The Nineteenth Century in Print: Books**—collection of approximately 1,500 books mainly from 1850 to 1880 digitized by the University of Michigan (formerly available in American Memory)
- **Voices from the Days of Slavery: Former Slaves Tell Their Stories**—collection from the American Folklife Center of twenty-three interviews conducted between 1932 and 1975 that took place in nine Southern states
- **Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1938**—collection of more than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 black-and-white photographs of former slaves
- **Slaves and the Court, 1740-1860**—collection of just over one hundred pamphlets and books concerning the experiences of Africans and African American slaves
Other Links from the Library of Congress:

- **Themed Resources: Civil Rights**—resources from the Teachers’ Page
- **Voices of Civil Rights**—online exhibition drawn from thousands of oral history interviews reflecting on the Civil Rights Movement
- **“With an Even Hand”: Brown v. Board at Fifty**—online exhibition that commemorates the 50th anniversary of this landmark case
- **The African American Mosaic: A Library of Congress Resource Guide for the Study of Black History & Culture**—online exhibition highlighting some of the materials referenced in the publication of the same name
- **NAACP: A Century in the Fight for Freedom**—online exhibition highlight major events, people, and achievements that shaped the NAACP in its first 100 years
- **“A Day Like No Other”**—online exhibition commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the March on Washington *Note: Almost all images in this exhibit are copyright protected and not available for download.
- **Teaching with the Library of Congress Blog**—education blog highlighting primary sources and strategies with several posts focused on teaching civil rights

Collections:

- **The Church in the Southern Black Community, 1780-1925**—compilation of printed texts from libraries at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill tracing how African Americans in the South experienced and transformed Protestant Christianity
- **First-Person Narratives of the American South, 1860-1920**—compilation of printed texts from the libraries at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill documenting the culture of the American South in the nineteenth century from the viewpoint of Southerners
- **Civil Rights History Project**—a partnership project between the Library and the Smithsonian Institutions National Museum of African American History and Culture to survey existing oral history collections as well as to record new oral histories of individuals involved in the movement
- **Photographs of Signs Enforcing Racial Discrimination**—images taken by Farm Security Administration photographers showing signs that enforced segregation

MLK Jr., Malcolm X, and Barack Obama mural at Faith in Christ Ministries, 46th Street at S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, California [2010]
Lesson Plans:
- Two Sides of the Same Coin: Booker T. Washington vs. W.E.B. DuBois on Education
- African American Involvement in WWII
- African Americans in Military Service
- The Emancipation Proclamation and Its Connection to the Thirteenth Amendment
- The Leadership and Impact of Booker T. Washington
- Exploring FSA Photography & Photojournalism: Gee’s Bend, Alabama
- Freedmen’s Bureau
- Jim Crow Laws and African American Discrimination
- Education Reform During the Progressive Era and the Rosenwald Schools of the American South
- Reconstruction and the Fourteenth Amendment
- King Cotton and Compromise: The Growth of the Cotton Economy
- John Brown: Hero or Villain?
- Views on the Emancipation Proclamation
- Battle of Nashville: Map Activity
- Voting Rights in the Reconstruction Era
- Claiming Space: Jim Crow and the American Road Trip
- Memphis: The Rebuilding of a Modern City in the Aftermath of Yellow Fever
- Crossing the Veil: A Young W.E.B. Dubois in Rural Tennessee
- Songs of the Labor Movement
- TVA Opportunities for African Americans
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Tennessee
- African American Medical Recognition
- Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Back to Africa Movement
- The Media and Twentieth Century Race Riots

Lesson Plans Continued:
- The Road to Brown v. Board of Education
- The Little Rock Nine
- The Clinton 12
- Highlander Folk School
- Civil Rights Movement Strategies—Non-Violent Direct Action

Primary Source Sets:
- Civil Rights Movement in Tennessee
- Jim Crow in America
- Underground Railroad
- Emancipation
- Reconstruction
- United States History from 1850 to Present
- Legacy of the Fourteenth Amendment
- New South
- Beginnings of a Movement
- Dawn of the Modern Civil Rights Movement

Content Resource:
- Emancipation During and After the Civil War
- Reconstruction
- The Back to Africa Movement: From the American Colonization Society to Marcus Garvey

Benjamin Singleton, and S.A. McClure, Leaders of the Exodus, leaving Nashville, Tennessee, [between 1874 and 1879]
MTSU—TPS Newsletters:

- **African American Heritage**—February 2009
- **Progressive Era**—Ida B. Wells-Barnett (pg. 2), September 2011
- **Civil Rights**—January 2012
- **Ethnic Celebrations**—Emancipation Day (pg. 2), April 2012
- **History in the Movies**—Amistad (pg. 2), May 2012
- **Emancipation**—June 2013
- **Mythbusters**—Rosa Parks and the Bus Boycott (pg. 2), January 2014
- **Tennessee History**—Exodus from Tennessee (pg. 2), March 2014
- **Labor**—March on Washington (pg. 2), May 2014
- **Historical Thinking**—African American Accomplishments (pg. 3), December 2014
- **African American Leaders**—February 2015
- **Women Leaders**—Grimke Sisters and Althea Gibson (pg. 4), March 2015
- **Reconstruction**—June 2015
- **The 1920s**—Langston Hughes (pg. 4), November 2015
- **Teaching with Exhibitions**—Civil Rights Act of 1964 (pg. 2), December 2015
- **Biographies**—Marian Anderson and Civil Rights Interviews (pg. 4), March 2016
- **Teaching Difficult Topics in History**—April 2016
- **History in the Movies Vol. II**—Tuskegee Airmen (pg. 2), Selma (pg. 4), May 2016
- **The New South**—June 2016
- **Civil Liberties**—July 2016
- **Voting Rights**—Poll Taxes (pg. 4), October 2016
- **Historical Thinking Volume III**—Martin Luther King, Jr. (pg. 1), Emancipation Proclamation (pg. 3), January 2017
- **Notable Firsts**—Constance Baker Motley (pg. 2), First Black Architects (pg. 4), April 2017
- **Jim Crow Era**—June 2017
- **Local History**—November 2017
- **Beginnings of a Movement**—June 2018
- **Dawn of the Modern Civil Rights Movement**—June 2019

Other Links:

- **Trials, Triumphs, and Transformations: Tennesseans' Search for Citizenship, Community, and Opportunity**—digital collection hosted by MTSU’s Walker Library. This collection explores the lives of African Americans in Tennessee from 1865 to 1945.
- **Crossroads to Freedom**—a collaborative effort led by Rhodes College to document the history of the movement in Memphis and the Mid-South from 1950 to 1970.
- **African American Civil Rights Movement**—An article showcasing the evolution of the Civil Rights Movement and organizations aimed at fighting racial injustices.

MLK, Jr., Nelson Mandela, and Malcolm X mural with a map of Africa at Mr. Toy, at West Madison St. at Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois [1991]
Library of Congress Blogs:

- **Voices of African American Women** - this blog uses voice and sound recordings from the American Folklife Center collection to showcase African American history through the voices and lives of women.

- **Starting Point: Historical Statistics on African Americans** – this blog provides useful sources on rare population and labor statistics of African Americans dating back to slavery in America.

- **Exploring Place in African American History** - Houses, sports facilities, and buildings representing political leaders, abolitionists, and music and sport icons are showcased in this blog.

- **“Trench Blues” an African American Song of World War I** – John and Alan Lomax recorded many ethnic folk songs in the south during the 1930s. “Trench Blues” represents the African American experience as a soldier in World War I. The blog contains pictures and an audio recording.

- **Hidden Figures No More: African American Women in Space Exploration** – this blog focuses on the contributions of African American women in technological advances regarding the space race and exploration. It touches on the women presented in the hit movie Hidden Figures, but also talks about the contributions of other African American women who are scientists and engineers.

- **An Updated Portal for African American History Month** – this blog provides links and lesson plan ideas for teachers and students with a focus on African American History month and the experience of African Americans in the military.

- **Celebrating African Americans in Science and Business** - this blog provides biographical information on black scientists and business men and women.

- **Celebrating African American History: Rich Library Resources** - using various collections provided by the Library of Congress, this blog helps teachers and students navigate through a wide range of sources relating to African American history.

- **Preparing for African American History Month: Ways of Honoring Heroes** - This blog uses a lithograph from 1881 honoring three African American heroes and provides a lesson plan idea for teachers wanting to introduce African American history in the classroom.

- **Civil War Regimental Flags for African American Troops** – Students can examine images of regimental flags from the Civil War and gain insight into the experience of African American soldiers.

- **Voting Rights: The Full Enfranchisement of African Americans** – this blog uses primary sources to trace the evolution of voting rights for African Americans and contains lesson plan ideas for teachers and students.

- **African American Women’s Life Stories in the Center for Applied Linguistics Collection** – three African American women illustrate their experience in twentieth century America through oral history interviews.