

## African American Texans and Black History Webliography

<http://www.juneteenth.com/> **Juneteenth** is a celebration unique to Texas and to African American Texas history, but nowadays it is celebrated worldwide by Texans who have moved to other states and countries. Find information about Juneteenth past and present, purchase T-shirts or hats. Those studying American history will appreciate Tom Feelings's sorrowful but redemptive original art and "story" of the Middle Passage found on this site.

<http://www.wmich.edu/politics/mlk/> **Civil Rights** history pages, including a timeline with pages related to significant events. Timeline pages include art, photographs, and links to primary documents such as Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech and his letter from the Birmingham Jail.

<http://users.totalspeed.net/vjenkins/Note2/AfrAmDates.htm> Scroll down this page for a simple and clear **timeline** related to African American art which includes important dates in African American political and social history as well.

[http://library.thinkquest.org/10320/Blk\\_Hist.htm](http://library.thinkquest.org/10320/Blk_Hist.htm) For biographies of African Americans represented on U.S. postage stamps, go to the "Stamp on Black History" pages. Included among some sixty stamp "stars" are Texans Bessie Coleman, Scott Joplin, Huddie Ledbetter (Leadbelly), and Bill Pickett. The site's ten-question "Stamp on Black History Quiz" gives students instant feedback on their knowledge (or guesses) and exposes them to ten African Americans. <http://library.thinkquest.org/10320/Question1.htm> Students need not have read the information pages; the "quiz" can be done just for fun.

Use the PBS Reference Room <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/reference/articles.html> to find **encyclopedia-type biographies and topical entries** including Texans Alvin Ailey, Bessie Coleman, Blind Lemon Jefferson, Scott Joplin, Barbara Jordan, Leadbelly (Huddie Ledbetter), Ntozke Shange, T-Bone Walker, and many Americans NOT from Texas. Entries also are listed for Texas-related topics such as blues, Buffalo Soldiers, Jim Crow, and sharecropping. For younger grades, go to the Kids Page: <http://pbskids.org/aaworld/>

[http://www.tolerance.org/images/teach/respond/teens/mixitup\\_activity\\_young.pdf](http://www.tolerance.org/images/teach/respond/teens/mixitup_activity_young.pdf) Are you looking for a good all-school or all-grade-level activity to help students "Take a Stand" for a peaceful campus? The "Take a Stand" activity on these pages involves students discussing and committing to **take a stand against aggression, hurtful language, and intimidating behavior**. Students create a visual symbol of their unified commitment. (Designed for grades 5–7.) The Web site contains other outstanding support materials, activities, and initiatives for teaching tolerance at schools.

<http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/index.html> The Handbook of Texas Online functions as the encyclopedia of state history and biography. Enter a name on this search page and find all entries containing it, including the main entry for that name, if one exists. The Handbook may be the only site for finding information on some **black Texans** whose individual influence was important in Texas history but does not extend far beyond.

<http://www.toptags.com/aama/docs/jcrow.htm> Read about the history of **Jim Crow** and Jim Crow laws.

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/jimcrow/> Background and teacher resources for **Jim Crow**.

<http://www.toptags.com/aama/bio/bio.htm> **African American biographies**, includes articles on the Buffalo Soldiers and Texas rodeo cowboy Bill Pickett.

<http://www.toptags.com/aama/trivia/trivia.htm> Play **black history trivia games** and get immediate feedback on your answers. Focused on American history, not Texas or world.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/atcsmonitor/specials/bhmonth/games/p-photoquiz.html> Match the name to the photograph. No Texans here, but a fun quiz on black Americans, as is this matching game which rewards with a photograph of Carter G. Woodson when all answers are correct: <http://www.csmonitor.com/atcsmonitor/specials/bhmonth/java/p-matchupindex.html>

<http://thehistorymakers.com/> Contains a “**This Day in History**” citation for **African American topics**. Click on the glossary for an alphabetical thumbnail encyclopedia of black history and culture with links to cross-entries.

<http://www.digisys.net/users/hootie/brown/> **Brown v. Board of Education: The Interactive Experience**. This Web site offers a paragraph or two of basic information on “Background,” “Linda Brown,” “The Case,” “Thurgood Marshall,” and “Conclusion.” Each section is accompanied by photographs and a brief audio recording, such as the text of the Supreme Court decision and an interview with a man who had been among the first to enter a previously all-white school.

**Digital Classroom Teaching with Documents Lesson Plan: Documents related to *Brown v. Board of Education***. Here you can find the background presented for secondary students in a more thorough manner than the above site. Also, the documents themselves are “clickable” from the main page. The site contains numerous lesson ideas related to this topic and others in American history in which you would wish to use primary documents as a resource.

[http://www.archives.gov/digital\\_classroom/lessons/brown\\_v\\_board\\_documents/brown\\_v\\_board.html](http://www.archives.gov/digital_classroom/lessons/brown_v_board_documents/brown_v_board.html)