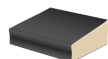


Learning Pathway: Racial Justice and Black Lives Matter

The Racial Justice and Black Lives Matter Learning Pathway features four digital choice boards: Black Lives Historical Explorations; Black History Month; History of the Black Press; and Exploring Black History with ChatGPT. There are also links to Black History topics throughout our Building Democracy for All eBook.

Building Democracy For All is designed so that teachers and students can follow different learning pathways as they explore the material in the book. Rather than proceeding sequentially through the standards, the learning pathways invite a thematic approach. Other learning pathways include: [Student Rights](#), [Influential Women](#), [Election 2024, 2022, & 2020](#), [Media Literacy](#), and [Current Events](#).



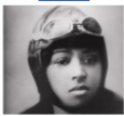
A Worthy Piece of Work: The Ontold Story of Madeline Morgan and the Fight for Black History in Schools.

Michael Hines, Beacon Press, 2024. Read a [review of the book here](#).

You will find more racial justice and Black Lives Matter resources in the [AP African American Studies](#) section of our resourcesforhistoryteachers wiki.

Black Lives Matter Choice Board

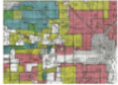
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Write and Record a Protest Song for the Black Lives Matter Movement 	Develop a Sketchnote detailing Toussaint L'Ouverture's Life and Impact on Society 	Design a New Product Inspired by a Black Inventor 	Compare and Contrast Shirley Chisholm's and Kamala Harris' Campaigns for Office 
Create an Interactive Timeline or Infographic featuring Individuals who Refused to Give Up Their Seats on Buses, Trains and Streetcars 	Black Lives Matter Historical Explorations for Students and Teachers "Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle - the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals." —Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Links and Materials from resourcesforhistoryteachers & Building Democracy for All		Create 3D digital artifacts to represent Benjamin Banneker's and George Washington Carver's contributions to math, science, & politics Bonus Points: Create a board game that uses the 3D artifacts to educate others about Banneker and Carver. 
Write a Children's Book about Bessie Coleman, Aviator and Civil Rights Pioneer 	Create a Video Showcasing the History of Black Athletes who Engaged in Protests 	Evaluate Whether the Black Panther Party's 10 Point Platform is Still Needed Today 	Draw a Cartoon About Zelda "Jackie" Ormes 

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[Black History Month Choice Board](#)

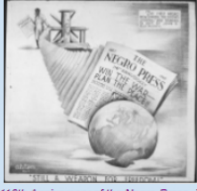
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Bessie Coleman Learn about the first Black woman pilot, then design and fly your own paper plane (Bonus: Try to break the Guinness World Record for distance). 	Langston Hughes Write and perform a poem or a song about life today for Black people. 	A. Philip Randolph Design a social media campaign to inspire change about an issue of economic equity. 	Marian Anderson Design a digital story that draws connections between Marian's experiences and those of Black people today. 
Black Inventors Explore the histories of Black inventors and then design a 3D model of a new life-improving or life-saving invention (see also Inventors of the 19th Century). 	Black History Month Choice Board <i>Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.</i> ~Dr. Carter G. Woodson DIRECTIONS: Watch Lift Every Voice and Sing (The Black National Anthem) and then complete at least 3 boxes on this choice board Building Democracy for All, a free eBook by Robert Maloy & Torrey Trust explores these topics & more.		Black Soldiers Explore the histories and design a mural about the impacts of the: First Rhode Island Regiment Harlem Hellfighters Tuskegee Army 54th Volunteer Regiment 
Redlining Investigate the history of housing segregation in your state. Then propose a law to address the issues caused by Redlining. 	The Negro Leagues Curate a digital collection of text, media, and artifacts about Black ballplayers who were denied the major leagues. 	Niagara Movement Write a script (for a movie or play) about what life in the 21st century would be like if the Niagara Movement never happened. 	Black Cowboys Compare how Blacks are portrayed in movies with the real history of the American West. Create a video or podcast to share your findings. 

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[History of the Black Press in the U.S. Choice Board](#)

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Investigate how Frederick Douglass used newspapers to oppose slavery and fight for equality. Present your findings as a newspaper. 	Create an interactive digital story about Ida B. Wells and her impact (as a journalist and a civil rights pioneer) on present-day society. 	Write and draw entries for your own almanac like Benjamin Banneker. 	Produce a news report (examples) about David Ruggles - an investigative journalist, owner of the first Black bookstore, and conductor on the Underground Railroad. 
Investigate how Pioneering African American Women Journalists opened opportunities for diverse reporters in print, television and online news today. Then, build a 3D monument - either with materials at home or using a 3D modeling tool (e.g., Tinkercad) - that highlights the accomplishments of two or more of these women. 	History of the Black Press in the U.S. Digital Choice Board  Poster for 116th Anniversary of the Negro Press, Issued 1942 Learn more: Critical Media Literacy & Civic Learning, a free eBook by Robert Maloy & Torrey Trust exploring News, Media Literacy, and the Press		Explore the Freedom's Journal, the first Black newspaper, which was created by John Brown Russwurm and Samuel E. Cornish. Then design your own newspaper - with articles, images, and editorial cartoons - that features voices and perspectives not commonly included in U.S. newspapers today. 
Build an interactive timeline (Sutori, Canva, Timeline JS) or StoryMap that showcases the past, present, and future of the Black Press in the U.S. 	Hand-draw an infographic about African American life today based on those done by W.E.B. Du Bois. 	Write a script for a TED Talk about Thomas Morris Chester, a Black battlefield reporter during the Civil War. 	Record a podcast about sportswriter Wendell Smith and his impact on integration for Black athletes in sports. 

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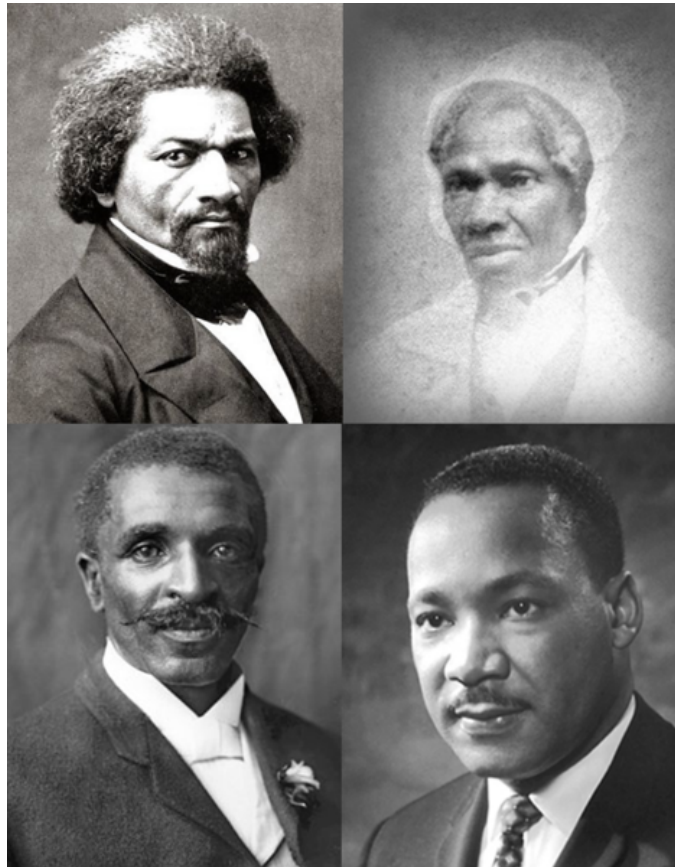
Racial Justice and Black Lives Matter Content & Activities by Chapter

Topic 1: The Philosophical Foundations of the United States Political System

- [Spartacus and Slavery in the Roman World, Toussaint L'Ouverture, and Black American Slave Revolts](#)

Topic 2: The Development of United States Government

- [Thomas Jefferson's Draft Constitution & Thurgood Marshall's Bicentennial Speech](#)
- [Did the Three-Fifths Compromise Make the Constitution a Pro-Slavery Document?:](#)
- [W.E.B. Du Bois, the Niagara Movement, and the History of NAACP](#)



Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, George Washington Carver and Martin Luther King, Jr.
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Topic 3: Institutions of United States Government

- [Shirley Chisholm, African American Politician and Presidential Candidate](#)
- [The Black Panther Party](#)

Topic 4: The Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens

- [The 14th Amendment](#)
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- [Benjamin Banneker and George Washington Carver](#)
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- [Claudette Colvin, the *Browder v. Gayle* case and the Struggle to Desegregate Public Transportation](#)
- [Martin Luther King, Jr. and Civil Disobedience](#)
- [A. Philip Randolph and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters](#)



["African-American Monument, Savannah, GA, US"](#)

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Topic 5: The Constitution, Amendments, and Supreme Court Decisions

- [The Missouri Compromise, the Dred Scott Case, and the 54th Volunteer Regiment During the Civil War](#)
- [Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad](#)
- [The 1964 Civil Rights Law and Voting Rights Act of 1965](#)
- [Kneeling and Flag Protests](#)
 - WIKI PAGE: [Integration of Professional Sports](#)

Topic 6: The Structure of Massachusetts State and Local Government

- [Elizabeth Freeman \(Mum Bett\) and The Abolition of Slavery in Massachusetts](#)
- [Should the U.S. Government Pay Slavery Reparations for Black Americans?](#)



["Civil rights demonstration in front of a segregated theater Tallahassee, Florida"](#)

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Topic 7: Freedom of the Press and News/Media Literacy

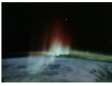
- [Two Pioneering Women Cartoonists: Jackie Ormes and Dale Messick](#)

Additional Resources

- [Black History Month Google Drive Library of Resources](#)
- [Erasing the Black Freedom Struggle: How State Standards Fail to Teach the Truth about Reconstruction](#). Zinn Education Project (2022).
- [Ten Black Scientists that Science Teachers Should Know About](#) (PBS Education)

Critical Media Literacy Connection: Explore Black History with ChatGPT

The "[Exploring Black History with ChatGPT](#)" choice board offers educators and students a way to develop their critical media literacy skills as they investigate text from ChatGPT and explore Black history in the United States ([click here to make your own copy of the choice board to remix/use](#)). Given ChatGPT's potential for generating misinformation and biased information, these activities offer students a critical way to investigate how ChatGPT writes about Black lives and history, and potentially consider why this may be.

Langston Hughes Ask ChatGPT to write a poem about a social issue (e.g., homelessness, climate change, gender inequality) in the style of Langston Hughes. Critically analyze the language, word choices, and style compared to Langston Hughes' poems. 	Yvonne Y. Clark (Y.Y.) Ask ChatGPT to write a motivational graduation speech given by Yvonne Y. Clark. Critically examine the writing style, language, and word choices compared to other graduation speeches. Revise the speech to present a more authentic and accurate version of what Y.Y. might say. 	Aisha Bowe Ask ChatGPT to write a nonfiction story about Aisha Bowe's first flight in space. Fact check and analyze the credibility, trustworthiness, and authenticity of the story. Present your findings as a news report article or video. 	
Elizabeth Freeman (Mum Bett) Ask ChatGPT to present a court docket for the Brom and Bett v. Ashley case. Fact check and critically analyze the credibility, trustworthiness, and authenticity of the court docket. Create a podcast about events leading from that case to Juneteenth. 	Exploring Black History with ChatGPT: A Critical Media Literacy Digital Choice Board *NOTE: If you work with students under 18 years old, please do not ask them to use ChatGPT on their own devices (see the privacy policy and terms of use restrictions). Instead, use your own device to insert prompts. Learn more from resourcesforhistoryteachers: Building Democracy for All & Critical Media Literacy & Civic Learning		Frederick Douglass Ask ChatGPT to write a news article to fight for equality in the style of Frederick Douglass. Use Teacher & Student Guide to Analyzing News & Newspapers to critically analyze ChatGPT's text compared to Douglass' work. 
Black Innovators in STEM Ask ChatGPT to generate a list of 10 lesser-known Black individuals in science, math, technology and engineering. Select one for whom to research and then design an augmented reality statue or digital 3D model. 	A Philip Randolph Ask ChatGPT to write a movie script about A. Philip Randolph and Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Critically evaluate the credibility, trustworthiness, and authenticity of the script then remix it into your own version of a script. 	Political Courage Ask ChatGPT to write a children's book about individuals who refused to give up their seats on buses, trains, and streetcars. Fact check and revise ChatGPT's text to design your own book. 	

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