

Black Life in America

The experience and impact of African Americans as recorded by the news media, 1704 to today



Quick Facts

Comprehensive coverage of the African American experience from the early 18th century to the present day
Sourced from more than 19,000 American and global news sources, including over 400 current and historical Black publications
An easy-to-use online resource—updated daily—for research and the study of Black Life in America

Overview

Black Life in America—a unique digital archive of news media—presents the broad sweep of African American history in ways no textbook or other online resource can match. By offering balanced coverage from diverse sources published from 1704 through present day, this multi-disciplinary resource is crucial for the study and interpretation of historical and current events.

Unmatched depth and breadth of content

This primary source collection offers an expansive window into centuries of African American history and illustrates the significant impacts African Americans have had on culture, the arts, science, politics, religion and more. Delivering information unavailable elsewhere, *Black Life in America* features content from more than 19,000 U.S. and global news sources, including over 400 African American publications. Through this unique digital archive, users will gain multiple perspectives on the people, issues and events that shaped and continue to influence America's conversation about race, equity and diversity.



Organized to streamline research

Black Life in America provides users with quick, easy access to relevant search results. Nearly 800 Suggested Searches, organized by historical eras, themes, topical areas and events, provide direct links to useful content. Examples of curated Suggested Searches include: "Emancipation Proclamation," "Brown v. Board of Education," "Martin Luther King, Jr.," the movie "Black Panther," and "Black Lives Matter." Advanced Search options are also available for customized research.

Suggested Searches Explore Topics, Eras and Events

- Arrival in America (Beginning - 1783)
- Antebellum (1784 - 1860)
- Civil War (1861 - 1865)
- Reconstruction (1866 - 1877)
- Jim Crow (1878 - 1922)
- Great Migration (1923 - 1944)
- Civil Rights Movement (1945 - 1975)**
- Late 20th Century (1976 - 2000)
- Early 21st Century (2001 - present)

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Notable People

- Bunche, Ralph (1904 - 1971): Nobel Peace Prize Winner
- Rudolph, Wilma (1940 - 1994): First American to win three gold medals in single Olympic games (1960)
- Chisholm, Shirley (1924 - 2005): First Black female in U.S. Congress
- Davis, Angela (1944 -): Activist
- Franklin, John Hope (1915 - 2009): Author and historian
- Hamer, Fannie Lou (1917 - 1977): Civil rights and women's rights activist
- Hampton, Fred (1948 - 1949): Chairman of Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party
- King, Martin Luther, Jr. (1929 - 1968): Major civil rights leader and activist
- Lewis, John (1940 - 2020): Civil rights leader
- Malcolm X (1925 - 1965): Slain activist and spokesman for the Nation of Islam
- Marshall, Thurgood (1908 - 1993): First Black Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court



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