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Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy
– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dewey Decimal Classification Numbers
305.8 Racial, Ethnic and National Groups
306 Culture and Institutions
323 Civil and Political Rights
326 Slavery and Emancipation
342 Constitutional and Administration Law
344 Social, Labor, Welfare and Related Law
973 General History, North America, United States
975 General History, North America, Southeastern United States
BIO Adult Biography
JB Juvenile Biography

African-American Comprehensive Websites

Aboard the Underground Railroad
http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/underground/ An introduction to the Underground Railroad through photos and stories.

About.com: African-American History
http://afroamhistory.about.com/ About.com website includes slave narratives and essays on the abolition movement, the black codes, Civil War and emancipation, the Harlem Renaissance and the Civil Rights movement.

African American: A Journey from Slavery to Freedom
http://www.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/aaslavry.htm Long Island University site, contains short essays on the slave trade, the underground railroad, the Dred Scott case, the Civil War, etc., biographical sketches of Abraham Lincoln, Gabriel Prosser, Harriet Tubman, etc., and suggestions for further reading.

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AFRO-America's Black History Museum

America’s Reconstruction – People and Politics after the Civil War
http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/reconstruction/index.html Part of the Digital History website, includes a narrative of the Reconstruction period by Eric Foner, a timeline, a Reconstruction quiz and a resource guide.
AT&T Education Knowledge Network Explorer

Enchanted Learning: African American History
http://www.enchantedlearning.com/history/us/aframer/ Young children can learn about African-American scientists, inventors, doctors, and leaders on this site. Also included are related coloring sheets.

Encyclopaedia Britannica’s Guide to Black History
http://search.eb.com/blackhistory Comprehensive Black History site with a timeline, biographies, subject browse, source documents, multimedia tools, image gallery, learning activities, and Internet Guide.

Gale Cengage Learning
www.galegroup.com/free_resources/bhm/ Comprehensive Black History Research links including activities, biographies, timelines, literature, and even quizzes.

Gateway to African American History
http://usinfo.state.gov/scv/history_geography_and_population/population_and_diversity/african_americans/African_American_History_Month.html U.S. Department of State site, contains information about African American history month, African American census facts, and links to other African American history sites.

The History Channel: Voices of the Civil Rights
http://www.history.com/classroom/voices/ This is a companion website for Voices of the Civil Rights by the History Channel for students and educators. It includes a study guide, a timeline, video and audio clips and primary resources.

KidsClick!

Kids Domain: Black History
http://www.kidsdomain.com/kids/links/Black_History.html Learn about famous African Americans and other aspects of Black history from the sites listed here.

Kulture Kidz
http://www.aakulturezone.com/kidz/abc/index.html Younger kids can learn about African American culture through a basic online encyclopedia, book lists, photograph gallery, and Black Inventor Sections.
Library of Congress: African American Odyssey
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aaohome.html  Rare and unique items from the Library’s vast African-American collections are accessible online via the National Digital Library. Look at government documents, manuscripts, maps, musical scores, films and recordings or the “Frederick Douglass Papers,” “Jackie Robinson Collection,” or “Slave Narratives.”

Lyndon B. Johnson Library: Civil Rights for Kids

National Civil Rights Museum: Virtual Tour

National Geographic
http://www.nationalgeographic.com/railroad/j1.html  Fabulous interactive site about the Underground Railroad. Imagine being a slave and trying to escape from slavery to freedom in Canada. Make decisions and see if freedom awaits.

New York Public Library’s “Images of African Americans from the 19th Century

PBS:  African American World
http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/  Online guide to African American history and culture including a reference room, resource page, and pages especially for kids and classroom use.

Scholastic's Culture & Change: Black History in America
http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bhistory/  Meet famous African Americans, listen to jazz music, publish writing, and explore history with an interactive timeline.

Speeches
http://www.nps.gov/archive/malu/documents/speeches_toc.htm  Full text of speeches supporting civil rights, from 1849 to the present.
Biographical Websites

Black History Inventors- Black History Month
http://inventors.about.com/od/blackinventors/a/Black_History.htm "Each listing has the name of the black inventor followed by the patent number(s) which is the unique number assigned to an invention when a patent is issued, the date the patent was issued, and a description of the invention as written by the inventor".

Black Inventors A-Z
http://inventors.about.com/library/blblackinventors.htm The site offers a list of famous black inventors and their inventions in alphabetical order.

Encyclopedia of Prominent African Americans.

Explore D.C. – Biographies of African Americans

The Faces of Science: African Americans in the Sciences
https://webfiles.uci.edu/mcbrown/display/faces.html Princeton University site, short biographical sketches of African Americans who have made significant contributions in science and engineering. Also contains graphs and bibliographies about African American scientists.

The King Center
http://www.thekingcenter.org/mlk/index.html Founded by Coretta Scott King in 1968. Website includes biographies of Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott King, a selected bibliography, information on the Martin Luther King holiday and on the King Center.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birth Home Virtual Tour
http://www.nps.gov/archive/malu/BirthHomeTour/mlk_parents.html Take a virtual 360 degree tour of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr’s home.

Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement
http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/special/mlk/ Seattle Times website, includes a short biography of Martin Luther King, Jr., selected speeches, web links, study guide and photographs.

The Official Website of Malcolm X
http://www.cmgww.com/historic/malcolm/home.php Includes a biography, quotations, photographs, and the text of the eulogy delivered by Ossie Davis.

Surfnetkids.com: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Quiz
http://www.surfnetkids.com/games/king-sw.htm Know everything about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr? Take this fun quiz to find out.
Genealogical
AfriGeneas
http://www.afrigeneas.com/welcome.html AfriGeneas is a site devoted to African-American genealogy, to researching African Ancestry in the Americas in particular and to genealogical research and resources in general.

History and Timelines
African-American History Timeline-
http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhmtimeline.html

Civil Rights Timeline
http://www.infoplease.com/spot/civilrightstimeline1.html

Encyclopaedia Britannica’s Black History Timeline: Through the Centuries
http://search.eb.com/blackhistory/timeline?tocId=9433428

Famous Firsts by African Americans -
http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhmfirsts.html

PBS- African American World Timeline-
http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/timeline.html

Time for Kids: “Black History- Then to Now” Timeline-
http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/specials/bhm/0,8805,97502,00.html