

Resources Report - Black History Resources

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(V158) Beyond the News: Racism Martin Luther King, Jr. shares his dream in his 1963 Washington address: that his children would one day be living in a nation where they would not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. Thirty years later, people of color are finding that this is often still just a dream. When the structures of a society have been formed on a set of assumptions that create injustice for some groups within that society, the process for bringing change is a long and difficult struggle. This video was produced to help Christians take another look at racism as it exists today. It examines white privilege and how the church and individuals can work at issues of racism. Guide. Age: YAS 25 Min	1			1995
(D677) DuSable to Obama: Chicago's Black Metropolis DuSable to Obama: Chicago's Black Metropolis tells the history of Chicago's African-American community as never before — through the voices of its leading citizens, scholars, artists, politicians, and business leaders. Explore historical moments of triumph and challenge, and celebrate the heroic and unsung everyday men and women who have helped to mold Chicago's rich history. Age: HYAS 135 Min	1	Barbara E. Allen & Daniel	WTTW11	2010
(V489=) Eyes on the Prize Series The civil rights struggle in America between 1954 and 1956 has been termed the 'Second American Revolution.' New national leaders emerged in protests for integration and voter's rights. This series is the most comprehensive television documentary ever produced on the American civil rights movement. It focuses on the people, the events, and the issues of those turbulent years. Dramatic movements, presented chronologically, come to life through archival footage and present day interviews in these six videos. Age: YAS 60 Min	1			1987
(V2540) Freedom Bags This program tells the story of African-American women who migrated from the rural south during the first three decades of the 20th Century. Hoping to escape from the racism and poverty of the post-Civil War South, they boarded segregated trains for an uncertain future up North. Most could find jobs only as house workers. With spirit and humor, the women remember their tactics for self preservation in the homes of their employers, where they often faced exploitation and sexual harassment. These were proud women who kept their dignity and sense of worth through difficult times. Age: YAS 32 Min	1		Abena Productions	1990
(B449=) God Delivers Me: A Model from Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century It is with pride and joy that this work which is offered by the national leaders of Strengthening The Black Church for the 21st Century Initiative of The United Methodist Church and a team of gifted writers is made available in time for General Conference, 2008. These are troubling times for many of our churches because we are struggling to figure out what we need to do to keep our United Methodist Churches strong and vital. In this volume, you will read about the efforts of the SBC21 Coordinating Committee to address these issues. God Delivers Me is a critical assessment of the Coordinating Committee for SBC21's work that gives a holistic view of the Action Plans approved by the 1996, 2000 and 2004 General Conferences of The United Methodist Church. The powerful DVD in the jacket of the book is a special gift that acknowledges snapshots of a particular time in a particular church and in time, some situations may have changed. Age: YAS 202 Pages	1	Jacquelyn Thorpe	Abingdon Press	2008
(V2335) Legacy of Faith II: A Church for the 21st Century The legacy of the African-American United Methodist Church is rooted in heartfelt worship, vital preaching, rousing music and a continuing ministry of caring and working for justice. Viewers will see how four churches are building a legacy for the future: St. John's UMC, Houston, TX; Immanuel UMC, Lafayette, LA; Crossroads UMC, Compton, CA; and Ben Hill UMC, Atlanta, GA. Age: YAS 32 Min	3			2000
(V2341) Poet's Voice, A African American poet Naomi Long Madgett shares stories from her own life and that of her ancestors as she reads from her work. She takes us back to her Oklahoma childhood, introducing her relatives, most notably her Aunt Octavia, an intriguingly independent woman who tragically died at the age of 34. Naomi's poems tell an immensely moving family saga. Age: YAS 27 Min	1		Kathryn Vander	
(V2720) Quilts of Gee's Bend, The This video presents the genius of a group of exceptional women who, for well over a century, have created distinctive works of art for their homes and families. Hailing from one small rural black community in Alabama with a population of about seven hundred, these women have produced hundreds of quilt masterpieces that enhance dramatically the American cultural landscape. Included is a musical soundtrack based on the gospel songs of Gee's Bend. Guide Age: YAS 28 Min	1			2002

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(CD11) Sacred Songs of Gee's Bend The music that has emerged from Gee's Bend is remarkable, and important to the community. The songs were a primary part of life and integral to the farm work, porch gatherings, quilting, etc. Disc 1 was recorded in 1941 and disc 2 contains recordings from 2002; the connections between the two are numerous. The recordings give a glimpse into the life of Gee's Bend: its rich artistic tradition, strong sense of personal and cultural identity, strong religious beliefs, and genuine care for one other.	1			2002
(V2551) Rosa Parks: The Path to Freedom By Mrs. Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat on the bus, she set off a chain of events that changed the world forever. This biography describes a dynamic but quiet woman, whose demand for civil rights led to the social changes of the sixties. Viewers hear the events that led to Rosa's defiant act in 1955 when she was arrested, and an overview of the bus boycott and the segregation laws that were finally overturned. Learn the story of Rosa Parks, an ordinary African American citizen who took decisive action, and truly deserves the title of the mother of the civil rights movement.	1		Kingberry Productions	1996
(V2343) Short Wait Between Trains, A At the end of WW II, four highly decorated African American combat soldiers are back in America from the European Theatre of Operations. They have survived the carnage and horror of combat, and are looking forward to civilian life. While waiting to switch trains in rural Georgia, they are involved in a violent confrontation demonstrating that all they have fought for has not yet been achieved.	1		American Film Institute	
(VCU64=) Stones of Promise: Celebrating the African-American This program presents concerns and issues of African-American family life and provides linkages between the past, present, and future. It is designed to help African-American families improve their skills in communicating key cultural traditions, values, beliefs, rituals, spiritual insights, and practices to one another and to future generations. The Leader's Guide provides lesson plans for 13 sessions. Guide.	1			1993
(V2491) Supporting Leadership for Life Since 1972, United Methodists have expanded the vision of the church by planting seeds of hope for a lifetime of Black leaders. The 11 historically Black colleges and universities related to The UMC have educated and trained models of hope, justice, discipleship and ministry through the support of the Black College Fund apportionment. This video is a powerful testimony of students, graduates and college presidents, whose messages echo John Wesley and the founders of these institutions. Four 60-90 second vignettes are included. Guide.	1			2001
(D695) Traces of the Trade: A Story From the Deep North In Traces of the Trade, Producer/Director Katrina Browne tells the story of her forefathers, the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. Given the myth that the South is solely responsible for slavery, viewers will be surprised to learn that Browne's ancestors were Northerners. The film follows Browne and nine fellow family members on a remarkable journey which brings them face-to-face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise.	1	Katrina Browne	Ebb Productions LLC	2008
For all ages				
(V2480) Black Soul This exhilarating immersion into the heart of Black culture is via a whirlwind voyage through the defining moments of Black History. As an old woman initiates her grandson into his past, a series of perpetually transforming images unfold before our eyes. The boy traces his ancestry to mighty Pharaohs, and to valiant kings whose praises are sung beneath the baobab tree. Suddenly, the beating of drums conjures forth the slave market and far-flung exile. At long last, the boy makes his way from the lush Caribbean to the snows of the Americas. Guide.	1			2000
(V2300) Great Black Innovators African Americans have contributed in thousands of ways to American life and society. And yet, many of their significant achievements have been ignored or claimed by someone else. Historic photographs and dramatic re-enactments shed light on some of the greatest black American innovators, like Madame C.J. Walker and Matthew Henson, who excelled in spite of adversity and discrimination, and whose accomplishments improved life for us all. Guide.	1			1994
(V819) Harriet Tubman Discover how this African-American serves as a role model for youth today as you learn of her many outstanding accomplishments. Explore her life as an anti-slavery activist known as the "Moses of her people," through archival footage, photographs, period music, and interviews with leading authorities on her life. This program examines Harriet's significance in society today, her individual message, basic biographical information, and inspirational and motivational factors in her life.	1			1992
(V1152) Martin Luther King, Jr. Discover how this African-American serves as a role model for youth today as you learn of his many outstanding accomplishments. Explore his life as civil rights leader through archival footage, photographs, period music, and interviews with leading authorities on his life. This program examines King's significance in society today, his individual message, basic biographical information, and inspirational and motivational factors in his life. Hear the story of this great orator who led our nation in the fight against racial discrimination with his powerful words and deeds.	1			1992

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(V1158) Mary McLeod Bethune Discover how this African-American serves as a role model for youth today as you learn of her many outstanding accomplishments. Explore her life as a pioneer, educator, and civil rights champion. Mary dedicated her life to her belief that education was the means to uplift people and combat racism, sexism, and injustice. She also played a significant role in our nation to end segregation and racial discrimination. Age: EMHYAS 30 Min	1			1994
(V2952) Real Bottom Line, The: Ruby Dee Ruby Dee, award winning actress whose career includes theater, movies and television is also the author of My One Good Nerve. Age: EMHYAS 28 Min	1			1994
(V2760) Ruby Bridges This inspiring true story of one little girl whose strength and dignity during the racially charged 1960s helped change history. Six-year-old Ruby is chosen to be the first African American to integrate her local New Orleans elementary school, and she is subjected to the true ugliness of racism for the first time. Guided by the love of her mother and father, Ruby's heroic struggle for a better education becomes a lesson for us all. Age: EMHYAS 90 Min	2		Disney	
(V1661) Sojourner Truth Discover how this African-American serves as a role model for youth today as you learn of her many outstanding accomplishments. Explore her life as an anti-slavery activist, devout Christian, and spokesperson for women's rights against oppression. She took her name Sojourner Truth in 1843 as she acted on her call from God to care for the needy and the oppressed. She became a traveling preacher, and God gave her the name Sojourner, because she would be 'traveling up and down the land' ..., and the name Truth, because she 'was to declare truth to the people. Age: EMHYAS 30 Min	1			1992
For Youth				
(V2574) A Time For Justice This curriculum includes award-winning video, "A Time for Justice" which uses footage and the voices of Movement participants to give students a powerful view of historical events from the perspective of the ordinary people who lived through them. Accompanying the film is "Free At Last: A History of the Civil Rights Movement and Those Who Died in the Struggle." It contains hundreds of historical photos to recount the sacrifices made during the Movement. The guide details lesson plans for units of one, three or seven days in which students not only learn facts, but understand the individual's responsibility to preserve democratic freedoms. Guide. Age: MHYAS 38 Min	2			1995
(D23) Africans in America-Disc 1: America's Journey Through Slavery	1		WGBH	
(D463) Africans in America-Disc 2: America's Journey Through Slavery Only half of the over 20 million Africans kidnapped into slavery survived the torturous trip to the New World. This landmark film exposes the truths of slavery through surprising revelations, dramatic recreations, rare archival photography and riveting first-person accounts. It helps define the reality of slavery's past through the insightful commentary of a wide range of voices including General Colin Powell, authors John Edgar Wideman and Barry Unsworth and leading scholars. The four 90-minute segments include: 1450-1750: The Terrible Transformation; 1750-1805: Revolution; 1791-1831: Brotherly Love; 1831-1865: Judgment Day. Guide. Age: HYAS 360 Min	1		WGBH	
(V51) All God's Children This documentary short tells the story of the Black Church's embracement of African American lesbians and gay men as dedicated members of its spiritual family. Prominent religious, intellectual and political leaders, family members, and activists speak out about the role of the church and the importance of a commitment to equal rights and social justice for all people. The families, the church members, and the gay activists weigh in with heartfelt stories about exclusion and discrimination, then about inclusion and the call for healing. Age: MHYAS 26 Min	1			1996
(VCU28=) America's Civil Rights Movement This curriculum includes award-winning video, "A Time for Justice" which uses footage and the voices of Movement participants to give students a powerful view of historical events from the perspective of the ordinary people who lived through them. Accompanying the film is "Free At Last: A History of the Civil Rights Movement and Those Who Died in the Struggle." It contains hundreds of historical photos to recount the sacrifices made during the Movement. The guide details lesson plans for units of one, three or seven days in which students not only learn facts, but understand the individual's responsibility to preserve democratic freedoms. Guide. Age: MHYAS 38 Min	1			1995
(D392) Black Methodism: A Legacy Faith This video explores the 200 year history of Blacks in Methodism. Particular attention is given to the origins of Black participation in the Methodist movement, to John Wesley's association with African converts, to Methodism's long struggle with segregation and issues of racial inclusiveness, to the commitments and contributions of African Americans to United Methodism, and to the mission priorities that confront Black United Methodists as they seek to remain vital and relevant today and in the future. The viewer will experience this rich historical tapestry through art, music and a prestigious group of outstanding historians and church leaders. Age: MHYAS 28 Min	2			1994

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(V2722) Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin A master strategist and tireless activist, Bayard Rustin is best remembered as the organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, one of the largest nonviolent protests ever held in the United States. He brought Gandhi's protest techniques to the American civil rights movement, and helped mold Martin Luther King, Jr. into an international symbol of peace and nonviolence. Despite these achievements, Rustin was silenced, threatened, arrested, beaten, imprisoned and fired from important leadership positions, largely because he was an openly gay man in a fiercely homophobic era. Bayard stands at the confluence of the great struggles for civil, legal and human rights by African-Americans and lesbian and gay Americans. Age: HYAS 85 Min	1			2002
(V691) George Washington Carver Born into slavery and reared during Reconstruction, George Washington Carver struggled through poor health, poverty and prejudice to become a great benefactor, not only to his people, but to all people as well. Carver is known in history books as the 'peanut man.' But his work as a creative scientist stretches far beyond that endeavor. His story is one of hope, meaning and inspiration. Age: MHYAS 29 Min	1			1990
(V728) God's Trombones: A Trilogy of African American Poems This video is based on the poems of African-American author-educator James Weldon Johnson. The poems are written in the oratorical style of the black preachers he heard as a youth, voiced here by James Earl Jones and Dorian Harewood. The three are: THE CREATION, which conveys the wonderments the early Bible writers felt about creation; GO DOWN DEATH, a powerful, imaginative meditation on death; THE PRODIGAL SON tells the story of forgiveness and unconditional love. (Clay painting and animation) Age: MHYAS 30 Min	2			1994
(D663) Josiah Henson: The Real Uncle Tom From the Day of Discovery: Josiah Henson is the man on whom Harriet Beecher Stowe based her book, Uncle Tom's Cabin. This DVD will take you on a journey from the historical Uncle Tom's Cabin in Maryland, to Kentucky, and ultimately, to the famous underground railroad. Join host, Larnelle Harris, as he shows you how this African-American minister went from spiritual bondage in sin, to freedom in Christ; from physical bondage in slavery, to political freedom and on to help other former slaves to read, write, and learn a trade. You'll also get a glimpse into the life of Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896), the seventh child of a prominent preacher in Connecticut. And as a special bonus, Larnelle Harris sings the spirituals "Great Getting' Up Mornin'" and "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," filmed at the Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site. Age: HYAS 60 Min	1	Larnelle Harris	RBC Ministries	2005
(V2063) Last Breeze of Summer Lizzy Davis, a school principal, reminisces about her adolescence in Texas in 1957, when integration of schools began. As a young black girl, Lizzy was shoved into hostilities on her first day of class. Although difficult, she decides to return to the angry world which can fulfill her ambitions - a world where she must stand on her own. Age: MHYAS 30 Min	1		American Film Institute	1991
(D665) Life of George Washington Carver, The From the Day of Discovery series. 2 part DVD. Discover someone who grew up "colored" in segregated America and met the challenges of poverty, frailty, sickness, and the KKK, but who saw every obstacle as a blessing and an opportunity to learn. Get to know the man who discovered uses for the peanut (including peanut butter), the sweet potato, and the soybean and helped shape 20th century America through his profound spiritual conviction, a passion for exploration, and a deep wonder about the world around him. You'll find that one person can make a difference, no matter what stands in the way. Age: HYAS 60 Min	1		RBC Ministries	2005
(V1153) Martin Luther King, Jr.: From Montgomery to Memphis Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. first rose to national prominence as a result of his courageous leadership in a struggle against bus segregation in Montgomery, Alabama. Influenced by his example and leadership, a mass civil rights movement developed which brought racial injustice to the forefront of the American consciousness and was responsible for ending laws of segregation and establishing a more just society. Dr. King's leadership fostered the non-violent style of the movement. This video tells his story from the Montgomery beginnings to his death in Memphis. Memphis. Age: MHYAS 27 Min	1			
(V1154) Martin Luther King, Jr.: Letter From Birmingham Jail Features original news footage of segregation and violence against blacks that took place in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963. Martin Luther King, Jr. (played by Franz Turner) is portrayed -- behind bars -- in the act of writing his famous 'Letter From Birmingham Jail.' The document was to become one of the fundamental arguments behind the civil rights movement's activities in the years to come. Hosted by Robert Guillaume. Guide. Age: HYAS 26 Min	1			1988
(V1155) Martin Luther King: I Have a Dream Includes the 'I Have a Dream' speech, scenes of the civil rights struggle and King's 'I Have Been to the Mountaintop' speech. Age: MHYAS 35 Min	1			1968
(V2915) Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Park A documentary about how Rosa Parks sparked a revolution by sitting still. Her simple act of defiance against racial segregation on city buses inspired the African American community of Montgomery, Alabama to unite against segregation. This video also tells the story of countless brave, largely unheralded citizens that helped galvanize the Civil Rights movement. Discussion Guide. Age: MHYAS 40 Min	1		Southern Poverty Law	

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(V2680) Murder of Emmett Till, The The shameful, sadistic murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till, a black boy who whistled at a white woman in a Mississippi grocery store in 1955, was a powerful catalyst for the civil rights movement. Although Till's killers were apprehended, they were quickly acquitted by an all-white, all-male jury and proceeded to sell their story to a journalist, providing grisly details of the murder. Three months after Till's body was recovered, the Montgomery Bus Boycott began. Guide. Age: HYAS 60 Min	1			2002
For Children				
(V37) African Tales This video includes three African fables which will help children learn more about Africa and its culture: 'Banana Thieves,' 'The Spider and the Antelope,' and 'The Boastful Crocodile.' It also includes a look at daily life in Zaire from the perspective of a child. Guide. Age: eE 23 Min	1			1992
(V39) American Cultures for Children: African-American Heritage Exciting adventures appear at every turn as children are introduced to the vibrant sights and sounds of Africa, with a focus on West Africa. They'll learn about the diverse geography and cultures, as well as the history of African Americans. Children will get to try out a few words in different African languages, and experience a field trip to an African food market. An animated folktale, 'Anansi the Spider' is presented, children make their own African adinkra cloth designs, and sing a traditional Senegalese folksong. Age: eE 25 Min	1			1997
(V2392) Children's Stories from Africa These delightful African fables will entertain and teach children. During the original songs, storyteller Nandi Nyembe is accompanied by the Mahlatsi preschoolers in their colorful African garb. The stories included are: The Greedy Spider, Honey Guide, Warthog & Bushpig, Money & Hyena, The Hare & The Baboon, and Kafumbi & The Crocodile. Age: PeE 26 Min	1			1997
(V339) Cow-Tail Switch: A Folk Tale of Africa, The Exploring the themes of loyalty and the power of the spirit to conquer death, a folktale from the Liberian rain forest recounts the death and return to life of Ogaloussa the hunter. He is magically restored to life by the loyalty of his son, symbolizing the belief that no one is dead until he is forgotten. 'Reveals a West African way of thinking. Told with a simplicity that will be enjoyed by primary children and even mature viewers.' Guide. Age: eE 8 Min	1			
(V2520) Duke Ellington Duke Ellington was hailed as the "King of the Keys." Most people called his music jazz, but he said it was "the music of my people." During his career, Duke wrote, played, and painted music with his band's fine sounds. This great man proudly celebrated the history of African-Americans, from slavery to civil rights struggles. Brian Pinkney's glorious artwork swings and sways to Kuke Ellington's spellbinding music. Guide. Age: eE 15 Min	1			2000
(V650) Follow the Drinking Gourd In this story based on the traditional American folksong, Morgan Freeman recounts the compelling adventures of one family's escape from slavery via the Underground Railroad. Taj Mahal's heartfelt blues score, along with the beautiful artwork, perfectly captures the drama of this perilous flight to freedom. Guide. Age: eE 30 Min	1			1997
(V1151) Martin Luther King Day Especially designed for young children, this video highlights the career of America's foremost civil rights leader. This program explains Dr. King's contributions to the people of the United States and throughout the world. King's first experience with prejudice is discussed, his early years in school, and his special ability to speak in front of others. His unwavering belief in nonviolence as the best way to solve human problems is given special attention. Age: e 10 Min	1			1992
(V2544) Martin's Big Words Using quotes from some of his beloved speeches, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. comes to life in stunning collage art and vibrant watercolor paintings in this profound and important biography about beliefs and dreams and following one's heart. It tells of Martin's work as a minister and civil rights leader who believed in making changes with non-violence. Guide. Age: PeE 8 Min	1			2002
(V1569) Rugmaker: A Folktale of Africa, The This tale from East Africa shows how everyone -- even a chief's son -- can benefit from knowing a trade. Kamalo doesn't care about having an occupation until he meets the woman he wants to marry. His love for Chinowana makes him use his rugmaking talents, which also help him save his hunting party when captured by an enemy tribe. Bold, colorful animation aptly describes the dry, hot African bush and the grace and dignity of a people who take pride in their crafts. Guide. Age: eE 8 Min	1			