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167 Years of Historic Houston

<http://www.houstonhistory.com/>

This Web site chronicles the history of Houston, from 1836 – present. Sections include the decades, our legacy, great citizens, landmarks, who's who, and ethnic culture. The textual information is interspersed with images and photographs. The only interactive element in the Web site is a Houston History quiz.

Houston (Tex.) History, 1836 – present

African American, The: A Journey from Slavery to Freedom

<http://www.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/aaslavy.htm>

This is an exhibit from the B. Davis Schwartz Memorial Library of Long Island University. The Web site is divided into background, events, and personalities. There are also links included for further reading and Internet resources.

Civil War, 1861 – 1865

Reconstruction, 1865 – 1877

Slavery, 1619 – 1863

African American Freedom Fighters: Soldiers for Liberty

<http://www.cwpost.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/aaffsfl.htm>

This is an exhibit from the B. Davis Schwartz Memorial Library of Long Island University. The Web site is divided into war, people, and other displays, which includes military branches. There is a link for further reading for those who would like more information about the subject matter.

American Revolution, 1775 – 1783

Buffalo Soldiers, 1866 – 1890

Civil War, 1861 – 1865

Mexican American War, 1846 – 1848

War of 1812, 1812 – 1815

African American History and Culture

<http://www.si.edu/resource/faq/nmah/afroam.htm>

The Smithsonian Institution provides a list of links that relate to African American history. The links include reading lists, museum branches, and other information. The Web site also offers links to some of the Smithsonian's exhibitions. Some exhibitions also provide teacher guides.

African American History, 19th & 20th Century

Instructional Resources

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African American Journey, The

http://www2.worldbook.com/wc/popup?path=features/aajourney_new&page=intro.shtml&direct=no

The editors of World Book Encyclopedia have divided the African American Journey into four parts: From Africa to America, From Slavery to Freedom, The First Years of Freedom, and The Modern Civil Rights Movement. There are short quizzes provided, but they are no longer interactive and must be printed out. In addition, the answers are not provided.

African American History, 1600 – present

Civil Rights, 1960s

Reconstruction, 1865 – 1877

Slavery – 1600s – 1863

African American Literature: Voices of Slavery and Freedom

<http://www2.worldbook.com/wc/popup?path=features/aawriters&page=html/index.html&direct=no>

This Web site, World Book, gives an overview of African American writers from 1700 to 2000. The Web site includes biographical information of some significant authors, examples of their writings and links to other Web sites for more information.

African American authors, 1700 – 2000

African-American Mosaic, The

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/african/intro.html>

This online exhibition of The Library of Congress is divided into the areas of colonization, abolition, migration, and the WPA. Each section includes images with a brief description. This site should be used as an accompaniment to more in-depth resources.

Abolitionism, 1840s – 1865

African American History, 19th & 20th Century

Migration, 1879 – 1881, 1940 – 1970

WPA, 1930s

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African-American Odyssey

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/aahtml/>

The African-American Odyssey provides information about African Americans from slavery through civil rights. The exhibit includes text, as well as images. This Web site also provides a single location for entrance into the numerous digital archives of The Library of Congress. The African-American Odyssey brings together The Frederick Douglass Papers, Jackie Robinson and Other Baseball Highlights, Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writer's Project, From Slavery to Freedom: The African-American Pamphlet Collection, and Slaves and the Courts.

Abolition, early 19th Century

African American History, 18th – 20th Century

Civil Rights, 1950s – 1960s

Civil War, 1861 – 1865

Slavery, 1700s – 1863

African-Americans and the Old West

<http://www.cwpost.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/african/west/west.htm>

This is an exhibit from the B. Davis Schwartz Memorial Library of Long Island University. The Web site is divided into 6 areas: The Early Territorial Claims, Slavery in the Territories, The Cowboys, The Law in the Old West, Women of the Old West, and Keeping the Memory Alive. A bibliography is provided for further reading.

Buffalo Soldiers, 1866 – 1890

Civil War, 1861 – 1865

Lewis and Clark, 1804 – 1806

Louisiana Purchase, 1803

Reconstruction, 1865 – 1877

Slavery Legislation, 1800 – 1851

War of 1812, 1812 – 1815

African Americans in Texas

<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/heritagetourism/htafricanamer.html>

This Web site links to a 48 page brochure produced by The Texas Historical Commission. To download the brochure, Adobe Acrobat Reader is required. For those unable to download, it is possible to request the brochure in the mail. The brochure includes a brief history of African Americans in Texas, historic locations by city.

African Americans in Texas, 1528 –

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African-Americans in the Sports Arena

<http://www.cwpost.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/aaitsa.htm>

This is an exhibit from the B. Davis Schwartz Memorial Library of Long Island University. The Web site is divided by sport. Jackie Robinson and Michael Jordan are just two athletes the author has recognized for individual focus. A downside of this site is the amount of text with no images. It may be informative to a teacher, but it would not hold the interest of a student.

African American athletes, 1800 – present

African-Americans in the Twentieth Century

<http://www.cwpost.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/african/2000/century.htm>

This is an exhibit from the B. Davis Schwartz Memorial Library of Long Island University. The Web site is divided by decades. Each decade gives a brief description of important events and people for each year. Links are provided to more prominent individuals, as well as photos.

African Americans, 20th Century

African Americans in the Visual Arts: A Historical Perspective

<http://www.cwpost.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/aavaahp.htm>

This is an exhibit from the B. Davis Schwartz Memorial Library of Long Island University. This Web site strives to identify influential African American artists. Unfortunately, the links to the works of the artists do not match up with the correct URL. Some images can be found by searching in the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

African Americans artists, 1770s – present

Harlem Renaissance, 1920s

WPA, 1930s

Africans in America

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/home.html>

A companion to the PBS series of the same name, this Web site divides the history of slavery in four parts, stretching from 1450 – 1865. Each of the four sections contains a historical narrative, resource bank, and a teacher's guide. Images are included, but no audio or video. The teacher's guide provides ideas for lessons, but does not specify age ranges.

Slavery, 1450 – 1865

Instructional Resources

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African American World

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aaworld/index.html>

This is a companion Web site to programming on PBS and NPR. Features on the Web site include a timeline, biographies, and links to other information by PBS and NPR. Teachers will find lesson ideas in the classroom and kids some activities in the kids section.

African Americans, 1400s – present

Civil Rights, 1954 – 1971

Slavery, 1400s – 1865

Afro-American Almanac: Your Internet Resource for African-American History

<http://www.toptags.com/aama/>

The Afro-American Almanac provides biographies, historical documents, speeches, folk tales, games, and much more. The majority of the Web site has not been updated since 2001, but since the information is of a historical context, it does not have an effect on the validity of the information.

African American History, 1705 – present

Almetris Duren: This Remarkable Woman

<http://utopia.utexas.edu/articles/alcalde/duren.html?sec=history&sub=race>

This article relates the history of Almetris Duren as it pertains to The University of Texas at Austin. Mrs. Duren began her life at the newly segregated university in 1956 as a house mother for young black women off campus. She held a variety of positions throughout the years until her retirement in 1980. The article is good for information about one African American Texans activities, but does little to relate to greater issues.

Almetris Marsh Duren, 1910 - 2000

American Visionaries: Frederick Douglass

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/exhibits/douglass/index.htm>

This site is an exhibit of the National Park Service and the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site. The exhibit provides information about the work of Douglass and images of portraits and his possessions. With the correct technology, it is also possible to take a virtual tour of the Historic Site.

Frederick Douglass, 1818 – 1895

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American Visionaries: Legends of Tuskegee

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/exhibits/tuskegee/>

This exhibit from the National Park Service includes information about Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, and the Tuskegee Airmen. One strength of the Web site is the collection of images that support the text.

Booker T. Washington, 1856 – 1915

George Washington Carver, 1864 – 1943

Tuskegee Airmen, 1941 – 1946

Amistad Research Center

<http://www.amistadresearchcenter.org/>

This is the Web site of the Amistad Research Center of Tulane University. The multimedia timeline stretches from 1939 – 2000. It provides a selection of materials from the research center's collection. The Web site includes a link to the Louisiana Digital Library, which also users to search through the digital collections.

Amistad event, 1839

Anacostia Museum & Center for American History and Culture, The

<http://anacostia.si.edu/index.htm>

This museum, located in Washington, D.C., has a few online exhibitions. An interactive section of the Web site is the On-line Academy. The Academy displays artifacts within the museum's collection, video clips of those involved in the preservation of African American history. A fast connection is required to download the clips.

African American History, 1700s – present

Barbara Jordan: Teacher, Patriot, Champion

http://utopia.utexas.edu/project/barbara_jordan/index.html

A biography of Barbara Jordan provided by The University of Texas at Austin. The Web site includes a biography of her public life, a list of her achievements or 'firsts', a timeline of important dates, video and quotes of some important speeches, and discussion questions for use in the classroom.

Barbara Jordan, 1936 – 1996

Beyond Face Value: Depictions of Slavery on Confederate Currency

<http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/cwc/BeyondFaceValue/beyondfacevalue.htm>

This is a Web site that deals with the interesting subject of Confederate Currency, specifically as it relates to images of slavery. The Web site provides a brief look at the Civil War and describes the economic conditions before and during the war. The currency of the Confederacy dates between the 1780s and 1860s. There are two examples of Texas currency in the collection.

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Civil War, 1861 – 1865
Slavery, 1800s – 1865

Biography.com Celebrates Black History Month

<http://www.biography.com/blackhistory/>

Biography.com provides this Web site and includes biographies of influential African American athletes, educators, entertainers, public officials, religious leaders, scientists, social reformers, writers, and artists. The Web site also includes a photo gallery and game. Teachers can find lesson ideas in the classroom section.

African Americans, 18th Century – present
Instructional Resources

Black Cowboys on the Internet

<http://www.blackcowboys.com/>

This site expands slightly on the book *Black Cowboys of Texas*. It lists biographical information about some of the black cowboys of the west. It does not provide much more information than that.

African American cowboys, 19th & 20th Century

Black History in Denton

This website includes articles relating to the history of African Americans in Denton, TX. The Denton County Historical Commission and the Courthouse on the Square Museum have transcribed articles about the African American community in Denton, important citizens, as well as a cemetery roster. The information provided here may be able to be found elsewhere, but this Web site is useful to anyone looking specifically for information about Denton.

History of Denton, TX, late 19th – mid-20th Century

Black History in Texas

<http://www.utexas.edu/world/texasblackhistory/>

This Web site was last updated in 2003, but still provides relevant information to African American in Texas. Topics include slavery, free blacks, Juneteenth, black cowboys, and a few others. If completed, this Web site will provide a good coverage of African American History in Texas.

African American cowboys, 19th & 20th Century

Juneteenth, 1865

Slavery, 1821 – 1865

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Black History Month

http://www.gale.com/free_resources/bhm/index.htm

This free resource from Thomson Gale includes biographies of important African Americans, a timeline, a quiz, and links to other Web sites. Teachers will find the activities section useful in planning lessons.

**African Americans, 20th & 21st Century
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Black History Month: Soul of a Culture

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2003/bhm/>

A look at African American History in the areas of culture, innovation, literature, and music. Galleries provide photos and information about famous African Americans. Interactive elements include a Black History Month quiz and a game.

African Americans, 19th Century – present

Buffalo Soldier Museum

<http://www.buffalosoldiermuseum.com/index.html>

This is the Web site for the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum in Houston, TX. Information on the Web site includes history, regiments, and photos. This is a good Web site for an overview of the Buffalo Soldiers.

Buffalo Soldiers, 1866 – 1890

Buffalo Soldiers

<http://www.buffalosoldiers.com/>

Another overview of the Buffalo Soldiers. This Web site also includes an article about a female soldier and another about medal winning soldiers.

Buffalo Soldiers, 1866 – 1890

Celebrating Black History

<http://www.time.com/time/2002/bhm/>

This is a Time Magazine Web site that provides photos of influential African American writers, musicians, civil rights leaders, and athletes. This site is good for brief information and photos, but it does not provide in depth information.

African Americans, 19th Century – present

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Civil Rights Movement in San Antonio: Reverend Claude William Black, Jr.

http://www.texancultures.utsa.edu/memories/htms/Black_transcript.htm

This is a transcript of an interview about the Civil Rights Movement in San Antonio, TX.

The information is interesting in that it regard specifically to San Antonio and Texas, but it does not provide information on a national level.

Civil Rights, 1950s & 1960s

Cultural Crossroads: Regional and Historical Perspectives

<http://www.houstonculture.org/cr/roads.html>

This Web site provides some information about historical events and people in and around Houston, TX. Information regarding African Americans includes a biography of J. Mason Brewer, information about Juneteenth and Kwanzaa, as well as other subjects.

African Americans, 20th Century

Juneteenth, 1865

Cultural Resource Management: African American History and Culture

<http://crm.cr.nps.gov/issue.cfm?volume=20&number=02>

Cultural Resource Management is a publication of the National Park Service and this particular volume is related to African American History. The articles cover a variety of topics from the Civil War to slavery and from Texas to Maryland. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to view the articles.

Slavery, 1740 – 1829

Underground Railroad, 1820s – 1862

Digital History: Using New Technologies to Enhance Teaching and Research

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/>

The Digital History Web site provides a large amount of information in a variety of formats. Interactive elements include a timeline, virtual exhibits, virtual histories, games, maps, music, and movies. Topics concerned with African American History include slavery, civil war, reconstruction, and civil rights. Teachers will find handouts, learning modules, resource guides, and lesson plans.

American History, 1763 – present

Civil Rights, 1950 – 1960s

Slavery, 1502 – 1865

Instructional Resources

El Diablo: Willie Wells and the Lost History of Black Baseball in Austin

http://www.austinchronicle.com/issues/dispatch/2003-07-04/xtra_feature.html

This article from The Austin Chronicle provides a look at the life of one of the Negro League baseball players. Born in Austin, Willie Wells played for a number of baseball

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teams, including the Austin Black Senators. The article includes a number of pictures and images of old baseball cards.

Willie Wells, Negro League baseball player, 1905 – 1989

Encyclopedia Britannica Guide to Black History, The

<http://search.eb.com/blackhistory/>

This Web site provides a comprehensive look at African American History from the first occurrences of slavery in 1517 to Michael Jordan's basketball career. The Web site is beneficial to teacher and student alike because it provides a large amount of information, as well as video and audio clips that help to bring that information to life. Also included are a study guide and teacher's guide.

African American History, 1517 – present

Instructional Resources

Forever Free

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/exhibits/forever/index.html>

An online exhibit of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission that documents the 1860s through 1890s in Texas. The focus is on the fifty-two African American men who served in the legislature or Constitutional Convention during that time.

Civil War, 1861 – 1865

Slavery, 1860s

Freedmen's Bureau Online: Texas Records

<http://www.freedmensbureau.com/texas/index.htm>

Selected records from The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands that relate to Texas history are found on this Web site. The records relate to murders, outrages, and other criminal offenses. The information may not provide any new historical information, but the records do give context to the time period.

Texas History, 1865 – 1872

Gateway to African American History

<http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/blackhis/>

The Gateway to African American History is part of the U.S. Department of State's International Information Programs. The Gateway offers information on many of the topics important to African American History: Black History Month, Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights, etc. With the construction of the Web site, it is possible to keep choosing different links as they appear and gather a good background on African American History.

African American History, Civil Rights, Martin Luther King, Jr., 20th Century

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Gift of Love, A: A Celebration of the Life of Almetris Marsh Duren, 1910 – 2000

<http://www.cah.utexas.edu/exhibits/DurenExhibit/page1.html>

This online exhibit for The Center for American History of The University of Texas at Austin chronicles the life of Almetris Marsh Duren. Mrs. Duren held a number of positions at the university and was instrumental in the lives of many African American students. The Web site includes photos, letters, and other materials related to Duren's life and activities.

Almetris Marsh Duren, 1910 - 2000

Handbook of Texas Online, The

<http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/index.html>

The Handbook of Texas Online provides information on people, places, events, and time periods in Texas History. The Handbook can be searched as well as browsed. The easiest way to find information about African Americans in Texas is to browse to What – Peoples – African Americans. From there, information is divided into Biographical and Topical. For information about important politicians, authors, educators, etc. choose Biographical. For information about events, places, schools, etc. choose Topical.

Heart and Soul: A Celebration of African American Music

<http://www2.worldbook.com/wc/popup?path=features/aamusic&page=html/intro.htm&direct=no>

World Book has compiled information on a number of African American musicians, as well as their influence on the entire music industry. The main musical genres identified are spirituals, jazz, blues, rock and roll, and classical. One drawback of this site is that the audio clips do not work. Subscribers to World Book Online may be able to access them, but with the musicians' names, it would not be difficult to locate a clip of their music.

African American Music, 1800 –

History Matters: The U.S. Survey Course on the Web

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/>

This Web site is specifically for high school and college history teachers. Sections include primary documents, ideas for interactive lessons, and syllabi.

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History of Jim Crow, The

<http://www.jimcrowshistory.org/home.htm>

This Web site provides a few in depth articles that relate to the history of Jim Crow. An interactive map of the United States provides specific Jim Crow history by state. Teachers can find a variety of resources that will help to teach this subject.

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Jim Crow, 19th Century Instructional Resources

Institute of Texan Cultures: Education

<http://www.texancultures.utsa.edu/education/index.htm>

This Web site is the education section of the Institute of Texan Cultures Web site. Teachers can find information about teaching Texas history. Students can find interesting facts about Texas history. Anyone can use the Web site to learn more about the history and people of Texas.

Texas History, 1500s – present Instructional Resources

Juneteenth

<http://www.juneteenth.com/>

This is the Web site of the Juneteenth celebration. It explains the historic significance of Juneteenth, as well as locations for celebrations and suggestions on how to celebrate.

Juneteenth, 1865

Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture

<http://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/index.html>

The official Web site of Kwanzaa provides a good background of the celebration of Kwanzaa: the roots and branches, explanation of the seven symbols, celebration procedures, and other practices.

Kwanzaa, 1966 –

Levi Jordan Plantation

<http://www.webarchaeology.com/html/Default.htm>

This Web site focuses on the Levi Jordan Plantation in Brazoria, TX. The information on this site has not been updated for a few years, but it still provides some good information. The history section is the most relevant because it gives an overview of what life was like in the 1800s in that region of Texas. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is currently in the process of making the plantation a historic site, but not much can be found at: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>

Slavery in Texas, 1848 – 1865

African Americans in Texas, 1848 – 1890

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NAACP Timeline

http://www.naacp.org/past_future/naacptimeline.shtml

The history of the NAACP goes back to the 1900s, when the National Negro Committee was formed. This Web site provides a listing of the major events in the history of the NAACP through today. It is a good background, but does not provide very much detail.

NAACP, 1900 –

National Museum of African American History and Culture

<http://www.si.edu/nmaahc/>

This Web site provides information about the future creation of the National Museum for African American History and Culture.

African American History Museums

National Register of Historic Places: African American History Month 2003

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/feature/afam/2003/index.HTM>

This site provides information about historic places and parks that help to “illustrate African American contributions to American history.” The idea of teaching with historic places may help teachers to develop lesson plans about historic places in their area.

Historic places, 19th – 21st Century

National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom

<http://209.10.16.21/TEMPLATE/FrontEnd/index.cfm>

This Web site is an overview of the Underground Railroad. It is also an attempt to generate interest in preserving the history related to the Underground Railroad.

Information included in the site covers slavery and well as the practices and locations of the Underground Railroad.

Underground Railroad, 1820s – 1862

Negro League Baseball Dot Com

<http://www.negroleaguebaseball.com/>

The online home of Negro League history includes a timeline of the history of the Negro League, as well as information on the teams and some of the players. The site provides a good overview of the Negro League’s history as well as including current news about past players. The Austin Black Senators, the only team in Texas, played throughout the early 1900s.

Negro League Baseball, 1884 – 1952

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Our Shared History: African American Heritage

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/aahistory/index.htm>

This Web site of the National Park Service provides information about historic locations in the United States that have some significance to African American History. The site includes exhibits and collections, information on the Underground Railroad, learning tools, and a list of publications for further reading.

Historic places, 19th – 21st Century

Rhone Family of Fayette Co., Texas, The

<http://www.cah.utexas.edu/exhibits/RhoneExhibit/Rhone1.html>

This is an online exhibit of the Center for American History at The University of Texas at Austin. This exhibit focuses on the photographs of the Rhone family of Texas. The exhibit shows the different methods of photographs through history.

Rhone family, 1886 – 1971

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

<http://www.nypl.org/research/sc/sc.html>

The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture presents information about African American history through the online exhibits and the Digital Schomburg collection. Materials include video clips, photographs, manuscripts, and biographies.

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Slavery in Texas

<http://austin.about.com/cs/history/a/slavery.htm>

A brief article, on the About.com network, that provides basic information about the institution of slavery in Texas. Topics include: Slavery and statehood, life as a slave, emancipation, and life in Central Texas today. In addition to the basic information, the author includes a few links in each topic to other Web sites that provide more information.

Slavery in Texas, 1821 – 1865, 1865 –

Sons of DeWitt Colony Texas

<http://www.tamu.edu/ccbn/dewitt/dewitt.htm>

Under the People option, information can be found regarding slavery in Texas. This includes correspondences regarding slavery and slavery in early Texas.

Slavery, 1700 – 1898

Texas History, 1700 – 1846

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Soul of America: Soulful Travel Begins Here

<http://www.soulofamerica.com/home.shtml>

At first glance, it may be difficult to understand what this Web site can provide to teachers and students. Under the City Guide section, users can look at the historical context of certain cities. For Texas users, information can be found on Dallas and Houston. Information includes historic places, museums, parks, etc. This material is most helpful for those who are able to visit these cities.

Locations of historic importance, 19th Century – present

Texas Buffalo Soldiers: History

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/admin/buffalo/bf_history_toc.htm

This Web site of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department provides a Table of Contents regarding the activity of the Buffalo Soldiers in Texas. Information includes regiments, battles, and locations of forts.

Buffalo Soldiers, 1866 – 1890

Texas Tides: Tides in Early Texas History

<http://tides.sfasu.edu/home.html>

This Web site is a timeline with information about the specific time periods. In addition to the basic descriptions of the time periods, primary documents, photos, and other materials are included. Teachers can find some lesson plan ideas in the Teacher Resources section.

Texas history, 1500s – 1900s

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Underground Railroad: History of Slavery, Pictures, Information

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/railroad/index.html>

An interactive journey that helps the user to learn about the Underground railroad along the way. The format is similar to a choose your own adventure.

Slavery, 1500s – 1865

Underground Railroad, 1820s – 1862

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