

African American History Sources

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Research Question: "What lessons can we learn from African American history? Considering past struggles from Reconstruction to the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s for African American civil rights, what lessons can we learn about the best strategies for engaging civil rights now and in the future?"

Secondary Source List

Review the following secondary sources on **African American History** and **select two that most closely support your research question.**

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If you are not finding a secondary or primary source that has the information you need, you are welcome to use sources from outside of this list.

You can also return to the course concepts related to your topic for links to the primary and secondary sources referenced in the instruction.