

BUSD BLACK HISTORY MONTH TK-12 TEACHING RESOURCE GUIDE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH WAS ESTABLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1915
BY CARTER G. WOODSON, THE FATHER OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"Unless Black history is taught throughout the year, it perpetuates an 'othering' of Black Lives and Black students, and is also a manifestation of anti-blackness. Ensuring the ongoing integration of Black history and experiences throughout all curriculum is imperative as educators continue to uplift every student and reinforce that Black Lives Matter everyday."

Center for Racial Justice in Education



Lexx Valdez

GET INTERSECTIONAL*

- SPANISH LANGUAGE Black History month resources
- ARTICLE Black Women in History: 12 Icons Who Changed The United States
- ARTICLE 24 of the Most Influential Black Muslims in History
- PODCAST EPISODE Conversation on Race and Jews of Color with Ilana Kaufman
- ARTICLE 20 Black Jews You Should Know
- VIDEO POEM on Native and Black identity by Andrina Wekontash Quonuwayu Smith
- WEBINAR on the Afro-Indigenous Experience
- ARTICLE Young, Black Native Activists Say It's Time to Appreciate Indigenous Diversity
- ARTICLE On Being Black and Asian American
- ARTICLE Black Disabled and Proud: The Work of Jennifer White-Johnson
- ARTICLE 8 Afro Latinos Who Made Important Contributions to US History
- ARTICLE Blackness and Latinidad Are Not Mutually Exclusive
- VIDEO Celebrating Black & Queer Identity
- ARTICLE Black Queer History is American History
- ARTICLE I'm a Black Trans Teen & Resilience is My Super Power

BLM AT SCHOOL WEEK 2/2/26-2/6/26



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- RESOURCE 4 Things We Can Do To Prepare For BLM at School Week
- POSTERS for elementary and secondary
- TK-12 LESSONS & RESOURCES
- SHARED FOLDER from BUSD Equity Teacher Leaders of BLM at School Week resources
- LIBRARY LIST from BUSD Library Services

**Black History
Month Posters:**

8x11

11x17

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*Berkeley High School's
African American Studies Department
Co-chairs, Dawn Williams and Spencer Pritchard*

BLACK BAY AREA EXCELLENCE

- [INTERVIEW](#) with Berkeley High School African American Studies Department co-chairs, Dawn Williams and Spencer Pritchard
- [VIDEO](#) of Papa Zak, African drumming teacher at Berkeley High School
- [ARTICLE](#) about Mama Washington, who brought West African dance to BHS
- [ARTICLE](#) about celebrating over 50 years of African American Studies at BHS
- [ARTICLE](#) about William Rumford, South Berkeley housing rights advocate
- [ARTICLE](#) about Betty Reid Soskin, activist and oldest park ranger
- [BIO](#) for Anthony Brown, African/Choctaw and Japanese descent musician
- [BIO](#) for Alicia Garza, co-founder of Black Lives Matter movement
- [VIDEO](#) of Cecil Williams, pastor of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church
- [VIDEO](#) and [ARTICLE](#) about H.E.R., Black and Filipino Bay Area Grammy award winning musician
- [LEARN](#) about BUSD's UMOJA Program at Longfellow Middle School
- [LEARN](#) about the People's Kitchen Collective and how they honor the legacy of the Black Panther Party

EXPAND KNOWLEDGE

- [RESOURCE](#) set compiled by BAM teacher, Ines Thrinh
- [VIDEO](#) Learn about the Father of Black History Month, Carter G. Woodson
- [VIDEOS](#) about the African Diaspora worldwide
- [ARTICLE](#) Black History is Bigger Than Slavery. We should teach kids accordingly by Raluca Albu
- [ARTICLE](#) Five Things Not to Do During Black History Month by Zaretta Hammond
- [ARTICLE](#) Four Black History Must Haves by Zaretta Hammond
- [ARTICLE](#) Dos and Dont's of Teaching Black History by Pat Russo
- [ARTICLE](#) Teaching Hard History by Southern Poverty Law Center
- [ARTICLE](#) Black History Month: Teaching The Complete History by Coshandra Dillard
- [ARTICLE](#) Black History Month: Teaching Beyond Slavery by Coshandra Dillard
- [WEBSITE](#) Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History & Culture
- [WEBSITE](#) SNCC Legacy Project
- [INTERACTIVE BIOS](#) about Black artists



Student-created Berkeley High School mural

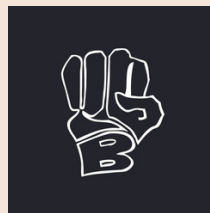
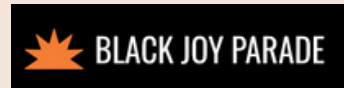


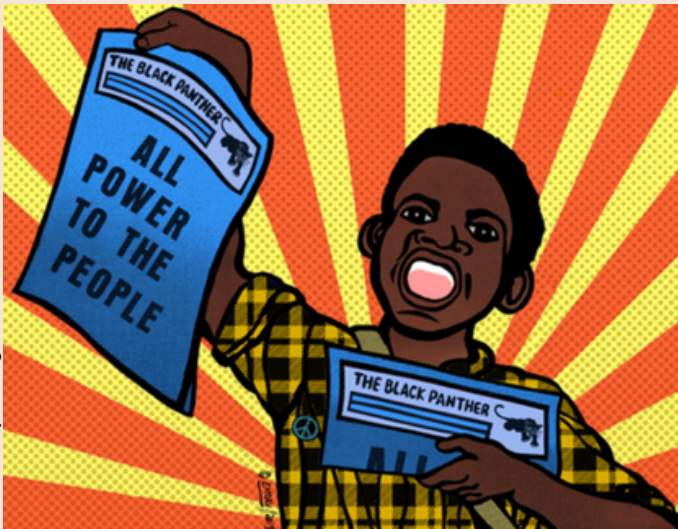
BLACK BAY AREA EXCELLENCE CONTINUED

- [LESSON](#) about Frances Albrier
- [LESSON](#) about Mable Howard
- [ARTICLE](#), Tommy Soulati Shepherd, co-founder of Alphabet Rockers
- [BIO](#) of Rue Mapp, founder of Outdoor Afro
- [ARTICLE](#) about author Tina Jones Williams and her South Berkeley walking tours
- [LIST](#) of 28 African Americans with ties to the Bay Area who made history
- [VIDEO](#) about Tupac Shakur

BAY AREA ORGANIZATIONS & MORE

Click on the Images Below to Find Out More About Local Organizations & Festivals!





BLACK EXCELLENCE BEYOND THE BAY

- [BIO](#) Ten Black Scientists
- [VIDEO](#) 11 Famous African American Mathematicians
- [BIO](#) for Jen White-Johnson, Afro-Latina, disabled artist, designer, educator, and activist
- [BIO](#) of Vicente Guerrero, Afro-Mexican abolitionist and second president of Mexico
- [VIDEO](#) Dorothy Vaughan, NASA mathematician
- [VIDEO](#) Katherine Johnson, NASA mathematician and awardee of Presidential Medal of Freedom
- [VIDEO](#) Mary Jackson, NASA engineer
- [POSTER](#) for Black Mathematicians You Need to Know
- [WEBSITE](#) for Mari Copeny, philanthropist, activist, and future president
- [VIDEO](#) of Aaron Rose Philip, Disabled Trans model
- [WEBSITE](#) for Marley Dias, founder of [#1000BlackGirlBooks](#)
- [ARTICLE](#) BLM Youth Activists
- [ARTICLE](#) about Naomi Wadler, gun control youth activist; [VIDEO](#) of her speech at the March For Our Lives
- [WEBSITE](#) for Amanda Gorman, youngest Inaugural Poet

CELEBRATE BLACK JOY

- [PLAYLIST](#) of Black Joy
- [VIDEO](#) about Black Joy by Woke Kindergarten
- [VIDEO](#) Dr. Bettina Love and Dr. Yolanda Sealey-Ruiz in discussion about Black Joy
- [FEB 22nd](#) Oakland's Black Joy Parade
- [DIGITAL](#) Museum of Black Joy
- [COLORING/ACTIVITY PAGES](#) from Black Joy Parade
- [ARTICLE](#) Black Joy is Black Resistance

ALL GRADES

- [SLIDE DECK](#) about Black History Month by Liz Kleinrock
- [VIDEO](#) Kids Talk About Black History and why it matters
- [SONG](#) Black History Month Song by Fyutch
- [SONG](#) Black Women in History by Fyutch featuring Rissi Palmer & Snooknuk
- [VIDEO](#) Amazing Inventions by Black People
- [VIDEO](#) Black Scientists and Inventors
- [LESSONS/ACTIVITIES/INTERVIEWS](#) Teaching Books African American collection
- [VIDEO](#) Travelling Through Black Muslim History



Bay Area Mural Program

[BUSD LIBRARY LIST](#)



ELEMENTARY

- [LESSONS](#) for elementary
- (TK-5th) [SLIDE DECK](#) about Maya Angelou
- (TK-5th) [SLIDE DECK](#) about Ruby Bridges
- (TK-5th) [LESSONS](#) on seesaw created by classroom teachers
- (TK-5th) [COLORING PAGES/ACTIVITIES](#) by author and illustrator, Sharee Miller
- (TK-5th) [ACTIVITIES](#) by author and illustrator, Vashti Harris, based on her [Little Leaders](#) series
- (TK-2nd) [LESSON](#) Black Freedom Fighters
- (TK-2nd) [LESSON](#) Black Music
- (2nd) [LESSON](#) African American Biographies
- (3rd-5th) [RESOURCE GUIDES](#) created by the Museum of the African Diaspora

MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL

- [LESSONS](#) for middle and high school
- [VIDEO](#) Queen Njinga Mbandi, warrior queen (PBS Africa's Great Civilizations Collection)
- [VIDEO](#) Mitochondrial Eve and Homo Sapiens in Africa's Great Rift Valley (PBS Africa's Great Civilizations Collection)
- [VIDEOS](#) about the African Diaspora
- [FRAMEWORK](#) for Teaching Hard History
- [LESSONS](#) by Zinn Education Project
- [LESSON](#) Little Rock Nine (create a free account)
- [BIOS](#) for Black Abolitionists
- [CURRICULUM](#) for the 1619 Project
- [BIOS](#) for Black Abolitionists
- [INTERACTIVE](#) 1619 Project
- [LESSONS](#) Underground Railroad leader, William Still
- (8th) [LESSON](#) Antislavery Movements



Black Student Union students at SF State & UC Berkeley sparked the 1968 movement for Ethnic Studies in the Bay Area