

## 2020-2021 African American History Curriculum Matrix K-12

| Gr              | Content Area       | Curriculum   | Details/Text   | Units/ Lessons   | Videos   |
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| K               | Social Studies     | Social Studies   | Hello, Changes! <a href="#">How Families change over time.</a><br><a href="#">Rosa Parks</a><br><a href="#">Harriet Tubman</a>   | Unit 1, Lesson 1<br>Unit 3, Lesson 3<br>Unit 3, Lesson 4 | <p><b>For Kinder – Grade 3:</b> Click on the blue title to access BrainPop videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Ruby Bridges</a>: Imagine the bravery it took to integrate an all-white school. That's just what Ruby Bridges did when she was only 6 years old.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Martin Luther King Jr.</a>: This civil rights leader had a dream for America. Discover how his vision and courage paved the way for generations to come.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Rosa Parks</a>: With one noble act of defiance, this fearless activist made a statement about equal rights.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Jackie Robinson</a>: Explore the story of this talented ballplayer who broke barriers and changed history in the Major Leagues.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Harriet Tubman</a>: Learn about this courageous abolitionist's life and her brave work bringing slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad.</li> </ul>  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Social Studies     | Social Studies McGraw Hill                             | National Museum of African American History and Culture  | Unit 6, Week 6   |  |
|                 | ELA                | Wonders  |  |  |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Social Studies     | Social Studies McGraw Hill                             | Citizens & Government –People's actions affect others.   | Unit 4   |  |
|                 | ELA                | Wonders  | National Museum of African American History and Culture  | Unit 6, Week 6   |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | ELA                | Wonders  | <a href="#">Best Friends in Business</a> with paired text <a href="#">Madam C.J. Walker</a> – 1 <sup>st</sup> African American Woman Millionaire<br><br><a href="#">On the Ball</a> with paired text <a href="#">Jackie Robinson</a> – baseball player who broke the color barrier   | Unit 3, Week 2<br><br>Unit 3, Week 2                     |  |
|                 | Social Studies     | Social Studies McGraw Hill                             | <a href="#">Martin Luther King, Jr. A Man with a Dream</a> leveled reader  | Unit 4, Lesson 1   |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | ELA                | Wonders  | <a href="#">Finding My Place.</a> EQ. How can preparing a meal tell you who you are?   | Unit 6, Week 5   | <p><b>For Grades 4+:</b> <b>The Fight Against Institutionalized Racism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Slavery</a>: Learn about the terrible institution of slavery, from its beginnings in ancient history, the enslavement of Black people in the United States, and how we are still dealing with the effects of slavery today.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Reconstruction</a>: Following the Civil War, efforts were made to rebuild the South and reunite the country. Learn how Reconstruction policies affected people in the South, including freed slaves.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Jim Crow</a>: Slavery may have ended with the Civil War, but the Confederacy's defeat marked the beginning of a new kind of oppression.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka</a>: This landmark Supreme Court decision paved the way for integration and was a major victory of the civil rights movement.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Civil Rights</a>: Learn about the American civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s – what it is, why it's important, and how its legacy continues today</li> <li>• <a href="#">Muhammad Ali</a>: Discover the story of this champion boxer and beloved activist whose confidence was always on display, whether he was fighting opponents in the ring or injustice in society.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Fannie Lou Hamer</a>: The courage and persistence of this activist and many like her, helped secure passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, an important victory in the fight for equal rights.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Martin Luther King Jr.</a>: Explore the inspiring life of this civil rights leader, and discover how his protests led to Supreme Court decisions banning segregation.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Motown</a>: At a time of deep racial segregation in America, Detroit entrepreneur Berry Gordy founded Motown Records, creating a legendary record label that was home to many iconic musical acts.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Jackie Robinson</a>: He broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball and endured a lot of abuse on the field. He went on to carve out a brilliant career, and he's the only player whose jersey number was retired by every baseball team.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Tuskegee Airmen</a>: As the first Black military pilots in the United States Armed Forces, these true American heroes battled Nazis abroad and discrimination back home.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Malcolm X</a>: He was a charismatic civil rights leader who advocated for Black empowerment, and inspired future generations with his fearless approach to fighting for equality.</li> </ul> |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Social Studies     | TCI  | <a href="#">African Americans Win Voting Rights</a>  |  |  |
|                 | ELA                | Wonders  | <a href="#">Hard Times</a> paired with <a href="#">Chicago: Jazz Central</a> – Louis Armstrong   |  |  |
|                 | ELA/Social Studies | Novel Study – <a href="#">Watsons Go to Birmingham</a> | <a href="#">Watsons Go to Birmingham</a> – 1963 Novel tells the story of one family's trip to the South, where its youngest member is involved in one of the darkest incidents in American history.  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter                                  |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Social Studies     | Discover Our Past                                      | African American Voting Rights<br>Brown V Board of Ed<br>Linda Brown<br>Biography: Barack Obama  | Chapter 11<br>Chapter 4<br>Chapter 6<br>Lesson 3         | <p><b>Everfi 306</b></p> <p>Level: Grades 9-12 Topics Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade</li> <li>• Underground Railroad</li> <li>• Phyllis Wheatley</li> <li>• Frederick Douglass</li> <li>• Hiram Revels</li> <li>• Tuskegee Institute</li> <li>• W.E.B. De Bois</li> <li>• The Harlem Renaissance</li> <li>• Brown vs. Board of Education</li> <li>• Montgomery Bus Boycott</li> <li>• The Freedom Rides March on Washington</li> <li>• Mae Jemison</li> </ul>  |
|                 | Language Arts      | HMH Collections  | <b>Memoir/Biography: Colin Powell</b> – Students will compare a memoir by Colin Powell to his biography. Colin Powell, a member of the Republican Party, is the first African American Secretary of State. He is also a politician, diplomat, and retired four-star general who served as the 65th United States Secretary of State from 2001 to 2005. | Collection 5   |  |

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| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Civics         | Civics, Economics, and Geography | <p><b>Revolution '67 Protest:</b> Why and How - Students will understand why people protest against government policies or laws, identify methods for protest, and analyze the conditions under which people choose to protest.</p> <p><b>Selma-to-Montgomery March, 1965 - Civil War &amp; Reconstruction</b> - Students will understand the Civil War and Reconstruction Era brought about the end of slavery and the expansion of civil rights to African Americans through the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments.</p> <p><b>Jim Crow</b> - Students will discover the ways state and local governments restricted the newly gained freedoms of African Americans after the Civil War.</p>   |   |                                       |
|                 | Language Arts  | HMH Collections                  | <p><b>Women in Aviation:</b> Students will understand why Bessie Coleman, the first African American to earn her pilot's license, is such an exciting and important figure in aviation.</p> <p><b>Memoir:</b> from <b>Mississippi Solo</b> by Eddy Harris- Eddy Harris is an African American writer and adventurer who chronicled his risky canoe trip down the entire length of the Mississippi River in 1980. He has also written about adventurous journey's in other southern regions and in Africa.</p> <p><b>History Writing:</b> from "The Most Daring of Our Leaders"- Students will understand the many changes in the United States that occurred over the past few decades for African Americans paired with a speech by John Lewis.</p> <p><b>John Lewis: Speech from the Democratic National Convention.</b> Lewis has served as the U.S. Representative of Georgia's Fifth Congressional District since his election to Congress in 1986. In his speech to the Democratic National Convention, delivered in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2012, Lewis talks about the progress America has made since he made an earlier trip to Charlotte in 1961.</p> <p><b>A Poem for My Librarian Mrs. Long by Nikki Giovanni:</b> Nikki Giovanni is an African American author and poet who became a part of a movement of African American writers who were finding new ways to express pride in their distinct culture.</p> | Collection 1<br><br>Collection 3<br><br>7 <sup>th</sup> -Grade HMH Close Reader<br><br>Collection 6 | Video: <a href="#">Bessie Coleman</a> |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Social Studies | Discover Our Past                | <p><b>Seeing the Light:</b> Underground Railroad, Civil War, Antislavery movement, and Civil Rights.</p> <p>Biography: Barack Obama</p> <p>Second Presidential Inaugural Address by Abraham Lincoln</p> <p>African Americans in the Civil War</p> <p>Freedom's Journal, First African American Newspaper in the US.</p> <p>People of the South</p> <p>Challenges to Slavery</p> <p>African Americans in the Civil War</p>   | Chapter 14 Lesson 4<br><br>Chapter 18 Lesson 3<br><br>Chapter 16 Lesson 2                           |                                       |



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| 11th | Language Arts            | HMH Collections   | <p><b>Colonial American Poetry by Phillis Wheatly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To the Right Honorable William Earl of Dartmouth</li> <li>On Being Brought from Africa to America</li> </ul> <p>Students will understand how Phillis Wheatly expressed her views on freedom, redemption, and society as the first African American to publish a book of poetry.</p> <p><b><u>A Soldier for the Crown by Charles Johnson</u></b></p> <p>Students will understand issues such as slavery, the American Revolution, and gender inequality presented in a fictional short story.</p> <p><b>Civil War and Reconstruction</b></p> <p>Students will understand that the <b><u>Emancipation Proclamation</u></b> is a foundational U.S. document because it outlined a direct opposition to slavery.</p> <p><b><u>What to the Slave is the Fourth of July? Speech by Frederick Douglass</u></b>- Students will understand Fredrick Douglass's argument to end slavery.</p> <p><b>The Harlem Renaissance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Song of the Son</b></li> <li><b>From the Dark</b></li> <li><b>A Black Man Talks of Reaping</b></li> <li><b>The Weary Blues by Langston Hughes</b></li> <li><b>How It Feels to e Colored Me by Zora Neale Hurston</b></li> </ul> <p>Students will understand poetry and other literary text that was created during the most influential period of African American literary history, the Harlem Renaissance.</p> | Collection 2 | America the Story of Us: <a href="#">Frederick Douglass</a>         |
|      | African American History | From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans 9th Ed. | Through this course, students are introduced to the origins of African American population, its many cultural streams and its rich legacy of resistance to injustice and inequality.  | Collection 6 |   |
|      | Language Arts            | HMH Collections   | <p><b>Voices of Protest</b></p> <p><b><u>Speech on the Vietnam War, 1967 by Martin Luther King Jr.</u></b> - Students will understand Martin Luther King Jr's compelling argument about the need for change in American policy.</p> <p><b><u>People and Peace not Profit and War Speech by Shirley Chisholm</u></b> – Students will trace and evaluate Shirley Chisholm's argument that money spent on weapons to fight the Vietnam War should be spent on education and on social programs in America.</p>   | Collection 3 |   |
| 12th |                          |   |   |              | <a href="#">Lyndon Johnson's Speech on Civil Rights and Vietnam</a> |

Multi-cultural Coordinators will submit additional school-based plans describing the teaching and learning opportunities for African American History that occur during January in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday and in February when schools celebrate Black History Month.

Additional Resources:

[Tolerance](#)

[Talking About Race](#)

[National Museum of African American History](#)