

Black History Month Resources

DIWG Members, please add any additional resources you think would be of value. The list is by far means complete!

Resources Shortlist - BYH Session

- **Mixed Up:** A podcast ([link](#)) of a modern day history lesson that you won't receive via the traditional school system. The speakers reflect back on Black history and highlight present day icons that deserve to have their stories told and their successes noted. A perfect way to listen to this whilst commuting or travelling to and from work/schools or whilst you are preparing a delicious dish.
- **Black Curriculum:** A short [youtube video](#) showing young people talking about their experiences in the UK education system.

Discussion Questions

- Play video (7:46mins; allow 10 mins)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rgrou4Ohy68>
- Discussion on systemic issues in education/schools. (15mins)
 - What was your experience? Can you remember being taught black BRITISH history in school?
 - Why might this be damaging? What should change?
- QUIZ! Short quiz to test AT staff knowledge! No pressure; for fun! (5mins)
 - <https://forms.gle/4eKUJS6rupTCeBuH8>
- Educating Ourselves (10 mins)
 - What about black British history/individuals/events are you intrigued by?
 - Will you go away and educate yourself?

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Website/Articles

Influential Black Britons - UK Parliament Learning

<https://learning.parliament.uk/en/resources/influential-black-britons-illustrated-book/>

Black Presence in Britain

<https://blackpresence.co.uk/>

London's Black History - Museum of London

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london/london-black-history>

Black History Month

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/news/black-history-month-resource-pack-2021/>

Diverse Educators - Free anti-racism toolkit and weekly book club

<https://www.diverseeducators.co.uk/our-diverse-book-club/>

<https://www.diverseeducators.co.uk/anti-racism-toolkit/>

The Black Curriculum - a social enterprise that aims to deliver black British history all across the UK.

<https://theblackcurriculum.com/>

Black Cultural Archives

<https://blackculturalarchives.org/>

100 Great Black Britons

<https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/index.php>

LSE Legacies of British Slave Ownership Database

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/>

Britain's Forgotten Slave Owners Documentary Series

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b063db18/britains-forgotten-slave-owners>

Being Black in Britain: The Civil Rights Movement They Never Taught You in School, Jasmine Botchey

<http://blog.lappthebrand.com/2018/12/24/black-britain-civil-rights-movement-never-taught-school/>

Uncovering the brutal truth about the British empire, Marc Parry

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2016/aug/18/uncovering-truth-british-empire-caroline-elkins-mau-mau>

Books

Adult

<https://www.thestrategist.co.uk/article/best-books-to-read-about-black-british-history.html>

- 'There ain't no black in the Union Jack' - Paul Gilroy
- 'Why I'm no longer talking to White people about Race' - Reni Eddo-Lodge
- 'Staying Power: The History of Black People in Britain' - Peter Fryer
- 'Black and British: A Forgotten History' - David Olusoga
- 'Immigration, Ethnicity and Racism in Britain 1815-1945' - Panikos Panayi
- 'The making of the Black Working Class in Britain' - Ron Ramdin
- 'Black Britain: A Photographic History' - Paul Gilroy and Stuart Hall
- Brit(ish) - Afua Hirsch
- I will not be erased: Our stories about growing up as people of colour - gal-dem
- Resistance and Abolition (Black History) - Dan Lyndon-Cohen
- White Fragility - Robin DiAngelo
- Queenie - Candice Carty-Williams
- Small Great Things - Jodi Picoult
- Me and White Supremacy - Layla Saad
- Between the World and Me - Ta-Nehisi Coates
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - Maya Angelou
- The Colour Purple - Alice Walker
- Native Son - Richard Wright
- Invisible Man - Ralph Ellison
- Their eyes Were Watching God - Zora Neale Hurston
- So You Want to Talk About Race - Ijeoma Oluo
- White Rage - Carol Anderson
- How to be Anti-Racist - Ibram X. Kendi
- Born a Crime - Trevor Noah
- Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire - Akala
- The Good Immigrant - Nikesh Shukla
- Sister Outsider - Audre Lorde

Children's

<https://www.idealbookshelf.com/pages/ideal-bookshelf-1163-antiracist-kids-booklist>

- Black and British: A short, essential history - David Olugose
- Empire's End - A Roman Story (Voices #4) - Leila Rasheed
- Son of the Circus - A Victorian Story (Voices #3) - E. L. Norry
- Diver's Daughter - A Tutor Story (Voices #2) - Patrice Lawrence
- Coming to England: An Inspiring True Story, Celebrating the Windrush Generation - Baroness Floella Benjamin and Diane Ewen
- The Extraordinary Life of Mary Seacole - Naida Redgrave
- Young Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Heroes from Past to Present - Jamia Wilson
- Freedom - Catherine Johnson
- Respect: The Walter Tull Story - Michaela Morgan
- Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies - DK
- Little Leaders: Exceptional Men in Black History - Vashti Harrison
- Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History - Vashti Harrison

Podcasts

<https://www.kaplanpathways.com/about/news/6-podcasts-to-listen-to-in-black-history-month-and-beyond/>

Mixed Up

<https://mixeduppodcast.libsyn.com/>

Anthems

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/anthems/id1497573270>

Historically Black

<https://features.apmreports.org/historically-black/>

The Humanity Archive

<https://www.thehumanityarchive.com/podcasts>

School Colours

<https://www.schoolcolorspodcast.com/>

Blackbelt Voices

<https://blackbeltvoices.com/podcast/>

The Black History Buff

<https://www.blackhistorybuff.com/blogs/podcast>

Witness Black History

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01h9dl0/episodes/downloads>

Black History Year - Pushback

<https://www.pushblack.us/black-history-year-podcast?source=menu>

Noir Histor

<http://noirehistor.com/podcast/>

About Race - Reni Eddo-Lodge

<https://www.aboutracepodcast.com/>

Black Curriculum

<https://open.spotify.com/show/5dISiC0DZUmHvvM9qxmBnT?si=S3fyrrR3TqapVXRNXZLyVw&nd=1>

Diverse Minds

<https://diverseminds.co.uk/category/podcast/>

Code Switch - NPR

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510312/codeswitch?t=1632320521049>

1619 - The Times

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/23/podcasts/1619-podcast.html>

Moment - Race Forward

<https://www.raceforward.org/media/podcast/momentum-race-forward-podcast>

Pod for the Cause - The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

<https://civilrights.org/podforthecause/>

Intersectionality Matters - Kimberle Crenshaw

<https://www.aapf.org/intersectionality-matters>

Good Ancestor - Layla F. Saad

<http://laylafaad.com/good-ancestor-podcast>

The Diversity Gap

<https://open.spotify.com/show/53n5hQoh67eBVbCtN4Iezy>

Still Processing

<https://www.nytimes.com/column/still-processing-podcast>

TED Talks

Get comfortable with being uncomfortable - Luuvie Ajayi Jones, 2017 [10mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QijH4UAqGD8>

An interview with the founders of Black Lives Matter - Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, Opal Tometi, 2016 [16mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbicAmaXYtM>

How we can start to heal the pain of racial division - Ruby Sales, 2-19 [20 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7SfhKi24z-M>

Racism has a cost for everyone - Heather C. McGhee, 2020 [14 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eaCrsBtiYA4>

Color blind or color brave? - Mellody Hobson, 2014 [14 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKtALHe3Y9Q>

To transform child welfare, take race out of the equation - Jessica Pryce, 2018 [7 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykLj-Hc28o4>

The urgency of intersectionality - Kimberlé Crenshaw, 2016 [18 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akOe5-UsQ2o>

How to get serious about diversity and inclusion in the workplace - Janet Stoval [11 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvdHqS3ryw0>

On Diversity: Access Ain't Inclusion - Anthony Jack, 2019 [12 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7w2Gv7ueOc#>

The Dangers of Whitewashing Black History - David Ikard, 2018 [18 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bb04xj7LS34>

Black History Matters - Don John, 2017 [17 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zUDA5NLnGYy>

The Missing Century of Black History in the Americas - Jane Landers, 2014 [21 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmL16tuq22Y>

The Power of the Black Experience in the Classroom - Keith Mayes, 2016 [19 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4ZSd7H1aV4>

Race and the Power of Historical Honesty - Rick Swanson, 2017 [16 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3OAUe62fb8>

What I am learning from my white grandson - truths about race, - Anthony Peterson, 2014 [18 mins]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5GCetbP7Fg>

Movies/TV Series

<https://www.bfi.org.uk/lists/10-great-black-british-films>

<https://www.bt.com/tv/documentary/best-shows-racism-race-education-learn-black-lives-matter>

- **The School that Tried to End Racism** - BAFTA-winning documentary series that follows a British school as it helps its students uncover and eradicate hidden racial biases, exploring how this can affect us all and what we can do to tackle it.
- **Black is the New Black** - Exceptional figures from politics, business, sport, science, and more share their insights into being black and British today, how they got where they are, and thoughts on what the future holds.
- **Sitting in Limbo** - A shocking drama inspired by the Windrush scandal. After 50 years in the UK, Anthony Bryan is wrongfully detained by the Home Office and threatened with deportation.
- **Black and British: A Forgotten History** - Historian David Olusoga explores the enduring relationship between Britain and people whose origins lie in Africa.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rgrou4Ohy68>
- **Anthony** - From writer Jimmy McGovern, the story of Anthony Walker, a black teenager murdered in a racist attack in Merseyside in 2005, and how his life could have been.
- **Small Axe** - Steve McQueen's five films each tell a story involving London's West Indian community, whose lives have been shaped by their own force of will, despite rampant racism and discrimination.
- **Belle** - This period drama based on fact traces the life of Dido Elizabeth Belle, a biracial girl born in 1761 to a British admiral father and African mother. The product of two different cultures, an 18th-century woman struggles to stake her place in the world.
- **Alison Hammond: Back to School** - Alison Hammond heads back in time to reveal the pioneering black figures that British history forgot. In an attempt to rewrite the narrative taught in schools, she shines a light on these extraordinary people and their achievements.
- **Then to Now: The History of Black British Television** - Storyteller and screenwriter, Daniellé Dash (@danielledash) takes us through the history of Black British representation on British TV, both in-front-of and behind the camera.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PFpFpBf7oM>
- **Selma** - a small window into some of the most tumultuous moments of the Civil Rights Movement.
- **13th** - thought-provoking documentary, scholars, activists, and politicians analyze the criminalization of African Americans and the U.S. prison boom.
- **Time: The Kalief Browder Story** - the tragic case of Kalief Browder, a Black Bronx teen who spent three horrific years in jail, despite not being convicted of a crime.
- **When They See Us** - Five teens from Harlem become trapped in a nightmare when they're falsely accused of a brutal attack in Central Park. Based on the true story.
- **Who Killed Malcolm X** - Decades after the assassination of African American leader Malcolm X, an activist embarks on a complex mission seeking truth in the name of justice.
- **Hello, Privilege. It's Me, Chelsea** - In this documentary, Chelsea Handler explores how white privilege impacts American culture -- and the ways it's benefited her own life and career.
- **Dear White People** - Students of colour navigate the daily slights and slippery politics of life at an Ivy League college that's not nearly as "post-racial" as it thinks.
- **Becoming** - Join former first lady Michelle Obama in an intimate documentary looking at her life, hopes and connection with others as she tours with "Becoming."
- **12 Years a Slave** - A freeborn black man is abducted from New York and sold into slavery in this historical drama based on the autobiography of Solomon Northup.
- **American Son** - Time passes and tension mounts in a Florida police station as an estranged interracial couple awaits news of their missing teenage son.

- **Self Made: Madam C. J. Walker** - *An African American washerwoman rises from poverty to build a beauty empire and become the first female self-made millionaire. Based on a true story.*
- **The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson** - *As she fights the tide of violence against trans women, activist Victoria Cruz probes the suspicious 1992 death of her friend Marsha P. Johnson.*
- **All Day and A Night** - *While serving life in prison, a young man looks back at the people, the circumstances and the system that set him on the path toward his crime.*
- **What Happened, Miss Simone?** - *Using never-before-heard recordings, rare archival footage and her best-known songs, this is the story of legendary singer and activist Nina Simone.*
- **Hidden Figures** - *An incredible & inspiring untold true story about three women at NASA who were instrumental in one of history's greatest operations – the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit.*
- **The Help** - *Set in Mississippi during the 1960s, Skater is a southern society girl who returns from college determined to become a writer, but turns her friends' lives and a Mississippi town upside down when she decides to interview the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families.*
- **Kevin Hart's Guide to Black History** - *Kevin Hart highlights the fascinating contributions of Black history's unsung heroes in this entertaining — and educational — comedy special.*
- **Your Attention Please** - *Hosted by Craig Robinson, this series introduces us to Black innovators and creators who are working to leave the world better than they found it.*
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUJxVv1OfEk>
- **Ma Rainey's Black Bottom** - *Tensions and temperatures rise at a Chicago music studio in 1927 when fiery, fearless blues singer Ma Rainey joins her band for a recording session.*

Other

- The Bristol Bus Boycott
- Campaign Against Racial Discrimination (CARD)
- Notting Hill Riots of 1958
- The Mangrove Nine
- The MacPherson report and the establishment of the Police Complaints Authority in the 1980