

# Resources for Historical Contributions Made By African Americans (Act 561)

Act 561 of 2017 provided direction to the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to update the materials and resources for the teaching of historical contributions made by African-Americans in the United States and in other countries prior to the establishment of the United States for inclusion in the appropriate curricula of all kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) of all public schools in the State of Arkansas.

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<a href="#">The Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute</a>	Stanford University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project contains a specific page on the website for grades K-2 and grades 3-5 lesson plans based on Dr. King's documents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Teaching Nonviolent Direct Action Through Children's Literature</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Ruby Bridges</a></li></ul>
<a href="#">Education World</a>	Education World contains several lesson plans including activities that teach skills necessary for social studies (e.g., fact or opinion). This site contains five lessons; four are appropriate for grades 3-8. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Martin Luther King Jr.: A Fact or Opinion Activity</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Mapping Martin Luther King, Jr.</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Write your own "I have a Dream" speech</a></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Dr. Martin Luther King Coloring Sheets</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">“I Have a Dream” mobile</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Being Treated Equally: A Lesson in Tolerance</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Martin Luther King Jr. Day Curriculum</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">National Education Association (NEA)</a>	<p>This NEA page contains two grades K-2 and two grades 3-5 lesson plans on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for educators to use in the classroom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Dr. King's Dream (grades K-2)</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Martin Luther King, Jr. and Me: Identifying with a Hero (grades K-2)</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">How Big Are Martin's Big Words? Thinking Big about the Future (grades 3-5)</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Let Freedom Ring: The Life &amp; Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. (grades 3-5)</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Arkansas' Integration History</a>	<p>The Brown v. Board decision in May 1954 found racial segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional. Though Arkansas gained national attention with the 1957 integration crisis at Little Rock Central High School, the stories of schools and districts across the state that integrated before 1957 have gone largely unheard. With this in mind, the Hoxie School District partnered with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to create lessons to help tell this story.</p>

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<a href="#">National Education Association (NEA)</a>	This NEA page contains several resources for grades K-2 and grades 3-5. The resources include activities, background information, printables, videos, and additional websites.
<a href="#">The Topic: Martin Luther King, Jr.</a>	42eXplore website has numerous resources on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The abundant resources include websites and projects available for various grades and ability levels. Links to specific activities and resources are accessible.
<a href="#">Apples 4 the Teacher</a>	This website contains Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day printables and worksheets for use in the classroom or in creating a unit of study on Dr. King. Online activities and many resources including games and trivia are available for download.
<a href="#">Civics Renewal Network</a>	CivicsRenewalNetwork.org has classroom resources and lesson plans for grades K-12 on the Civil Rights Movement and Civil Rights Leaders.

<p><a href="#">Key Arkansans in the Civil Rights Movement</a></p>	<p>With over 5,000 fact-checked entries, the online <a href="#">Encyclopedia of Arkansas (EOA)</a> by the Central Arkansas Library System provides teachers with background information on all topics in Arkansas history and culture.</p> <p>To find online resources for Act 561, one place to begin is with the overview entry, <a href="#">Civil Rights and Social Change</a>, summarizing civil rights history in Arkansas from the end of the Civil War to the present. This one article includes over 30 media images, along with links to 130 related articles about persons, groups, places, events, laws, and landmark court cases named in the entry.</p> <p>In addition, there are currently more than 400 other entries in the EOA under the category heading of Civil Rights and Social Change, and these are further indexed by sub-categories of issues, which can be found in the Key Arkansans in the Civil Rights Movement document linked in the left column.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">EOA Article on John Walker</a></li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">EDSITEment! From the National Endowment for the Humanities</a></p>	<p>This lesson plan for grades K-5 introduces students to the life and work of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Dr. King's Dream</a></li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">National Park Service (NPS)</a></p>	<p>This website contains <a href="#">an article</a> about the Daisy Bates House.</p>

## 6-8 Lesson Plans

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<a href="#">The Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute</a>	<p>Stanford University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project contains a specific page on the website for the following grades 6-8 lesson plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">The Power of Freedom</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Young People Working for Justice</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Suffering, Hope, and the Future</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Nonviolent Resistance</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Love and Faith</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X: A Common Solution</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Observing Human Rights Day</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Beyond Vietnam</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Voices of the Struggle: The Continual Struggle for Equality</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Civil Rights or Human Rights?</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Montgomery Bus Boycott</a></li><li>• <a href="#">The Children's Crusade and the Role of Youth in the African American Freedom Struggle</a></li></ul>
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<p><a href="#">The Learning Network</a></p> <p><a href="#">Teaching &amp; Learning With The New York Times</a></p>	<p>The following lesson plan focuses on the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and incorporates close reading and writing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">The Dream Continued</a></li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">EDSITEment! From the National Endowment for the Humanities</a></p>	<p>These lesson plans for grades 6-12 focus on the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Power of Nonviolence</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Martin Luther King, Jr. and Nonviolent Resistance</a></li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Scholastic Master Class</a></p>	<p>The following lesson plan for grades 6-8 on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. incorporates close reading and writing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">The Power to Persuade</a></li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">National Park Service (NPS)</a></p>	<p>The NPS has created lessons to be used in American history course units of study on the civil rights movement. The lessons include reference materials, historical documents, photos, and many other useful resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">From Canterbury to Little Rock: The Struggle for Educational Equality for African Americans</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">The Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March: Shaking the Conscience of the Nation</a></li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.</a></p>	<p>This NPS cross-curricular plan for 8th grade social studies and English language arts encourages students to explore the legal status of African Americans in Georgia when students were born in contrast to Dr. King's birth-year.</p>

<p><a href="#">Library of Congress (LOC)</a></p>	<p>The LOC has several teacher lesson plans on African-American History. The lessons contain overviews, resources, and activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Segregation: From Jim Crow to Linda Brown</a></li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">American Bar Association</a></p>	<p>In this lesson, students analyze a political cartoon, and in discussing its meaning, also have a conversation about equal rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The Dream Today</a></li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Arkansas' Integration History</a></p>	<p>The Brown v. Board decision in May 1954 found racial segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional. Though Arkansas gained national attention with the 1957 integration crisis at Little Rock Central High School, the stories of schools and districts across the state who integrated before 1957 have gone largely unheard. With this in mind, the Hoxie School District partnered with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to create lessons to help tell this story.</p>

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<a href="#">Separate is Not Equal: Brown v. Board of Education</a>	The Smithsonian Institute website includes educational materials for teachers, parents, and students. It includes a bibliography, timeline, teacher guide, electronic field trips, and other resources.
<a href="#">Butler Center for Arkansas Studies</a>	The Butler Center has the largest online collection of materials relating to the history of African Americans in Arkansas. Most of these lessons are all inclusive containing primary



	<p>sources, links to specific documents, photographs, and oral histories. Lessons specifically about Arkansas African Americans can be accessed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Bass Reeves: Great Lawman of the West (grades 5-8)</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Voices of Slavery (grades 5-8 adaptable for grades 9-12)</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Walk in my shoes (grades 5-8 adaptable for grades 9-12)</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">A whole new world? (grades 5-8)</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">The Elaine 12 (grades 5-8 adaptable for grades 9-12)</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Face it to fix it (grade 8 adaptable for grades 9-12)</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">How do we "fix" it? (grades 5-8)</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Who's Who in Arkansas? (grades 5-8)</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Arkansas' Top Ten Events of the Century...Says Who? Why? Deciding What is Important in History (grades 7-12)</a></li> </ul>
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<p><a href="#">NAACPLDF.org</a></p>	<p>The NAACP LDF Site published <a href="#">an article</a> honoring John W. Walker, detailing his role in Arkansas' Civil Rights Movement.</p>

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<a href="#">ReadWriteThink.org</a>	<p>This lesson plan has students identify and compare the use of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s ideas of nonviolence in young adult texts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">I Have a Dream: Exploring Nonviolence in Young Adult Texts</a></li></ul>

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<p><a href="#">C3 Teachers AR Inquiry Toolkit</a></p>	<p>“Is it ever too late for justice?” is the compelling question of this grade 11 inquiry written by AR teacher Lisa Lacefield. It explores the murder of Emmett Till taking students through supporting questions, formative tasks, and sources to bring the past into the present. Using the Inquiry Design Template (IDM), it is aligned to C3 dimensions and AR Social Studies Standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Murder of Emmett Till</a></li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">New York C3 Hub</a></p>	<p>“What made nonviolent protest effective during the Civil Rights Movement?” is the compelling question of this grade 9-12 inquiry on the impact of the Greensboro sit-in-protest, the Montgomery bus boycott, the Birmingham campaign, and the Selma to Montgomery marches. Using the Inquiry Design (IDM) Template, it is aligned to C3 dimensions and NY Social Studies Standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Civil Rights</a></li> </ul>

## Arkansas' Integration History

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<p><a href="#">History.com</a></p>	<p>Browse the lists of trending topics for information and resources on the <a href="#">Civil Rights Act of 1964</a>, the <a href="#">Civil Rights Movement</a>, <a href="#">Martin Luther King Jr.</a>, <a href="#">Freedom Riders</a>, <a href="#">Freedom Summer</a>, and more. Numerous videos and audios for classroom use including Robert Kennedy's announcement of the assassination of Dr. King and Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech are</p>

	available.
<a href="#">Crossroads to Freedom</a>	This website contains primary source documents and oral histories of the Civil Rights era in Memphis. The collection includes documents from the Hill Foundation pertaining to the desegregation of the Hoxie school district in eastern Arkansas and Hearings before the United States Commission on Civil Rights.
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# General Education Resources

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<a href="#">King Center</a>	The Online home of the King Center is the nonprofit organization that educates the world about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s philosophy of nonviolence.
<a href="#">Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site</a>	Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic site contains virtual tours, multimedia presentations, traveling trucks, and primary sources.
<a href="#">African and African American History: A Resource Guide for Arkansas Teachers</a>	<p>This resource was commissioned by the Black History Task Force under the auspices of the Arkansas Department of Education. It contains bibliographic information on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Early African History; Middle Passage and Enslavement History</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Abolition and Reconstruction; Disenfranchisement and Jim Crow</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Civil Rights/Contemporary Study</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Resources; Appendix</a></li></ul>
<a href="#">PBS Newshour Extra</a>	<p>PBS Newshour Extra has news for students and teacher resources for grades 6-12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Article: 20 Pertinent Classroom Resources for Black History Month</a></li></ul>
<a href="#">University of Arkansas Special Collections- Daisy Bates Papers</a>	The University of Arkansas holds the Daisy Bates Papers in the Special Collections. The collection consists of twelve boxes of correspondence and other documents, photographs, audio cassettes, and film. The files include correspondence resulting from her work and that of her husband, L.C. Bates, with the NAACP between 1957 and 1974. Significant

correspondents include Harry Ashmore, Dale Bumpers, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, Orval Faubus, and Roy Wilkins. An index of correspondents is located at the end of this finding aid. Other materials in the collection include honors and awards received by Mr. and Mrs. Bates, records of Mrs. Bates's work with the OEO Self-Help Project at Mitchellville, Arkansas, and a considerable file of newspaper clippings. The collection also contains audio-visual materials, including recordings of interviews, speeches, and radio and television broadcasts featuring Mrs. Bates, members of the Little Rock Nine and their parents, Orval Faubus, and others, regarding Little Rock school desegregation. More than four hundred photographs provide visual documentation of events in Mrs. Bates's career, and include pictures of the Little Rock Nine, whose advisor she was when they enrolled in Central High School.