

Colonization and Enslavement

The typically taught history of African Americans begins with enslavement and focuses heavily on romanticized and/or oversimplified depictions of “slaves” and “slavery” followed quickly by the positive results of the Civil War, post war reconstruction, and the Civil Rights movement. **The ECEA urges teachers to use resources provided at other links (“Africa’s Influence on the World’s Knowledge,” “African American Histories”)** to transform curriculum at every grade level by starting the rich history of African and African contributions to what we have come to know as mainstream mathematics, science, art, music, dance, literature, language, etc. but rarely attributed to African and African American thought and invention. At the same time, we encourage attention to more accurate and honest versions of colonization and enslavement. Toward that end, this site offers *a few initial resources* in support of knowledge building for teachers and classroom teaching.

Colonization:

Colonization in Africa:

- <http://exhibitions.nypl.org/africanaage/essay-colonization-of-africa.html>
- <http://atlantablackstar.com/2014/06/21/werent-clear-european-colonialists-really- africa-video-tells-devastating-story/>

What happens when we omit or sanitize versions of colonization:

<https://modelviewculture.com/pieces/how-to-uphold-white-supremacy-by- focusing-on-diversity-and-inclusion>

Colonization and how we came to be raced:

<http://atlantablackstar.com/2014/10/16/this-video-captures-the-disturbing-truth-about-the-history-of-the-american-education-system/>

Colonization and the African Diaspora

<https://www.facebook.com/AmericaTonight/videos/1017634318260484/?fref=nf>

Colonization and Africa: Intentional European politicization and decimation of African tribes within countries. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pw12KGSj53k>

Colonizing and genocide:

- http://www.filmsforaction.org/news/when_you_kill_ten_million_africans_you_arent_called_hitler/
- <http://atlantablackstar.com/2014/10/07/this-video-gives-a-devastating-look-on-how-european-imperialism-drove-so-many-black-populations-to-near-extinction/>

Africans in Latin America (narrated by Henry Louis Gates):

<http://video.pbs.org/video/1860580316/>

The Color Line: A History of Racism in America

<https://zinnedproject.org/materials/the-color-line-colonial-laws/>

Enslavement in America

The commodification of human beings:

http://www.slate.com/blogs/the_vault/2015/05/22/history_of_slavery_in_the_unit_ed_states_samuel_sewall_s_the_selling_of_joseph.html

<http://www.rawstory.com/2015/10/slavery-in-america-was-much-worse-than-you-probably-imagined/#.VhAQrPondlw.facebook>

Realities of slave ships:

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/01/world/africa/tortuous-history-traced-in-sunken-slave-ship-found-off-south-africa.html?smid=fb-share&_r=0

Reading further about enslavement:

<http://ontheblacklist.net/2015/09/10-books-on-slavery-that-every-african-american-should-read/>

Why America needs a slavery museum:

<http://www.theatlantic.com/video/index/402172/the-only-american-museum-about-slavery/>

Slavery records opened:

- http://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2015/jun/20/african-american-family-records-slavery-available-free-online?CMP=fb_us
- <http://www.openculture.com/2015/06/1-5-million-slavery-era-documents-will-be-digitized-helping-african-americans-to-learn-about-their-lost-ancestors.html>

Animated history of Atlantic slave trade:

http://www.slate.com/articles/life/the_history_of_american_slavery/2015/06/animated_interactive_of_the_history_of_the_atlantic_slave_trade.html

Middle Passage, Hayden: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3Z4FEj7LJo>

Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North

<http://www.newsreel.org/nav/title.asp?tc=CN0222>

Enslavement history and art:

<http://www.seesomeworld.com/blog/x8h61jinlrkm1dxnwq8na2xpyyobza>

Stories from enslaved Africans:

- <https://www.facebook.com/rosieroyjr/videos/1036195299740607/?fref=nf>
- <http://blackthen.com/slavery-through-the-eyes-of-an-enslaved-child-fannie-moore-narrative/>
- <http://www.uncg.edu/~jpbrewer/remember/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkArabbqKMw>

Fictions about enslavement that need to be corrected:

- http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2015/10/the-history-class-dilemma/411601/?utm_source=SFTwitter
- <http://www.vox.com/2015/6/29/8847385/what-i-learned-from-leading-tours- about-slavery-at-a-plantation>
- http://www.theroot.com/articles/history/2012/10/how_many_slaves_came_to_america_fact_vs_fiction.html?wpsrc=ck_facebook_CK-ROOT.AA-TRF- A02-FB-FBLP-FKW-US-AA-BO-18-R13

How slavery built America's oldest and most elite colleges:

<http://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2013/09/17/223420533/how-slavery-shaped-americas-oldest-and-most-elite-colleges>

Free Blacks preCivil War, not just in the north:

http://www.theroot.com/articles/history/2013/07/free_blacks_precivil_war_where_they_lived.html

An interactive history of the trading of enslaved Africans:

http://www.slate.com/articles/life/the_history_of_american_slavery/2015/06/animated_interactive_of_the_history_of_the_atlantic_slave_trade.html?wpsrc=sh_all_dt_fb_top

George Washington and slaves:

http://www.slate.com/blogs/the_vault/2015/07/10/george_washington_and_slavery_1761_newspaper_ad Seeking_four_fugitive_slaves.html

Anti-slavery documents:

http://www.slate.com/blogs/the_vault/2015/02/11/elizabeth_cady_stanton_susan_b_anthony_antislavery_petition_drive_in_1864.html

10 Things You Should Know About Slavery and Won't Learn in 'Django':

<http://www.colorlines.com/articles/10-things-you-should-know-about-slavery-and-wont-learn-django>

What your history books didn't teach you: <http://holykaw.alltop.com/the-slave-trade-what-your-history-books-didnt-teach- you-video>

Enslavement in Montgomery, AL:

<http://www.eji.org/raceandpoverty/slaveryinamerica>

Enslavement in Charleston, SC:

<https://www.facebook.com/AmericaTonight/videos/996215410402375/?fref=nf>

Video tour: Enslavement in Charleston SC, missing from history:

<http://www.vox.com/2015/6/29/8847385/what-i-learned-from-leading-tours-about-slavery-at-a-plantation>

Monument to enslaved Africans in NY:

<http://atlantablackstar.com/2015/03/26/united-nations-unveils-stunning-memorial-in-new-york-to-millions-who-died-and/>

Textbook got it wrong:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2015/07/01/why-do-people-believe-myths-about-the-confederacy-because-our-textbooks-and-monuments-are-wrong/?postshare=5221435752815985>

Resources to build knowledge about enslavement and colonization:

<http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/07/ten-books-on-slavery-you-need-to-read-120590.html#.VbfgLEil7Ck>

Reparations:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0pixo4bKYg>

Children's books:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/books-slavery-young-people_us_569e6009e4b04c81376177aa