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**February is Black History Month**

Below are resources to engage students in lessons around African American history and culture and located within Discovery Education and Nearpod. The Yonkers Public Schools subscriptions to Discovery Education and Nearpod are accessible through Clever and the resources below are just a few of the of the lessons, PPTs, videos, collections and images found on the site.

- Dawn Bartz, Executive Director

**Discovery Education African American Experiences.**

The link below contain resources developed within the themes of History, Culture, and Politics with resources for all grade levels. The materials were developed by Discovery Education and the Los Angeles Unified School District using Teaching Tolerance resources around their social justice and African American curriculum.

<https://clever.discoveryeducation.com/learn/channels/channel/48c8fada-0d7f-4444-9c48-70e75e515969/tab/05ed28d8-79bf-445c-a4cc-8454b6c86342>

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**More Discovery Education resources**

**Harriet Tubman - 3 video segments, Grade(s) K-2, 3-5**

Profiles the most-famous conductor of the Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman, and outlines the major events of her life before and after she escaped from slavery. The program also highlights Tubman's military service during the American Civil War and her commitment to women's rights, and summarizes the significance and meaning of the Underground Railroad.

<https://clever.discoveryeducation.com/learn/player/f6830687-5199-4882-b989-6bcd062ef2bb>

**Curiosity: Rosa Parks - video, Grade(s) K-2, 3-5**

Highlights the remarkable impact Rosa Parks made on the civil rights movement. The program shares how Parks fought against segregation and Jim Crow laws as a young woman, made history in 1955 when she refused to give up her bus seat for white passengers, and continued to stand up for civil rights until her death in 2005 at the age of 92.

<https://clever.discoveryeducation.com/learn/player/67e16799-7929-4be0-8e83-e6e4f444011f>

**Black History: Analyze Historical Figures and Civil Rights - 11 Video segments, Grade(s) K-2, 3-5**

Analyzes slavery in the United States by offering a historical overview of the slave trade, Underground Railroad, abolitionist movement, and the Emancipation Proclamation. The program also covers the key historical figures who influenced the civil rights movement in the United States and examines the impact of Nelson Mandela on the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa.

<https://clever.discoveryeducation.com/learn/player/24fbbf6a-6820-4f51-bd5c-ed0f8da5da15>

## **Elementary and Middle School**

### **Hero History: Ruby Bridges - 4 video segments, Grade(s) 3-5, 6-8**

Documents the historic impact made by Ruby Bridges, one of four children chosen to desegregate the public school system in New Orleans, Louisiana during 1960. The presentation witnesses the heroic efforts made by Bridges and her teacher, Barbara Henry, as they forged a new path into the future. By overcoming prejudice and standing up for civil rights, Bridges became an American symbol of the integration, equality, and activism.

<https://clever.discoveryeducation.com/learn/player/53a25854-6d90-4ea8-a739-d21baf31ac05>

### **History Kids: Causes of the Civil War - 4 video segments, Grade(s) 3-5, 6-8**

Outlines some of the main events and laws that heightened tensions in the United States and ultimately led to the American Civil War, and focuses on The Missouri Compromise, Nat Turner's Rebellion, Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the Kansas-Nebraska Act, Scott v. Sanford, John Brown's raid of Harpers Ferry, and the election of Abraham Lincoln. The program teaches how critical moments furthered tensions between free states and slave states, and reveals how slavery intensified and fostered economic, geographic, cultural, and political divisions in the United States.

<https://clever.discoveryeducation.com/learn/player/2a9ef9fd-d840-478a-a15d-e7697bf7a5d0>

## **Elementary through High School**

### **The Big Picture: The Negro Leagues - 2 video segments, Grade(s) 3-5, 6-8, 9-12**

Showcases the history of the Negro Leagues. The Negro Leagues were professional baseball leagues that were mostly comprised of African Americans. Historically, the Negro Leagues are known for breaking the color barrier and paving the way for players like Satchel Paige and Jackie Robinson to go on to play Major League Baseball.

<https://clever.discoveryeducation.com/learn/player/4b92c93a-6101-4259-85b2-8656fd7f27a2>

### **The Big Picture: Montgomery Bus Boycott - 2 video segments, Grade(s) 3-5, 6-8, 9-12**

Explains the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the importance of Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the historical events that lead to the civil rights movement.

<https://clever.discoveryeducation.com/learn/player/5821f376-8541-4f85-83a5-bea0c833fb25>

## **Middle and High School**

### **Hidden Figures: How Mae Jemison Diversified Space - video, Grade(s) 6-8, 9-12**

Introduces Mae Jemison, the first Black female astronaut to travel to space. In 1992, Jemison traveled to space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor. Since then, nine other Black astronauts have followed in her path, two of them women.

<https://clever.discoveryeducation.co>

**Black History (Nearpod).** Below are just some of the resources available on Nearpod to celebrate Black History Month. Netflix Jr. and the Smithsonian are resources located on Nearpod.

Nearpod Racial Justice Lessons (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12) and Teacher PD

<https://nearpod.com/t/racial-justice-F141851>

American Heroes

<https://nearpod.com/t/social-studies/8th/african-american-heroes-L32922759>

Nearpod and Netflix Jr. (other resources like this located here)

Grace Byers “I Am Enough” (simple words sending powerful messages)

<https://nearpod.com/t/social-studies/8th/african-american-heroes-L32922759>

Nearpod and Smithsonian (other resources like this located here)

The March on Washington (video and embedded activities)

<https://nearpod.com/t/social-studies/8th/the-march-on-washington-L67201448>