Primary sources provide firsthand accounts of the past. Examples include letters, photographs, diaries, newspaper accounts, interviews, oral histories, and speeches. Official documents such as laws, court decisions, treaties, party platforms, and constitutions are also primary sources.

**ONLINE DATABASE**

**African-American History Online** includes 265 primary sources. Use advanced search to limit results to primary sources.

**INTERNET**


Covers 500 years of history with emphasis on colonization, abolition, migrations, and the Work Projects Administration. Many narratives and personal stories as well as photographs.

**African-American Odyssey**  [http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/aaoh.html](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/aaoh.html)

Includes the African-American Odyssey: A Quest for Full Citizenship; the Frederick Douglass Papers; Jackie Robinson and Other Baseball Highlights; Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives; From Slavery to Freedom: the African-American Pamphlet Collection; and Slaves and the Courts.


Over 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery along with 500 photos of former slaves.

**Amistad Research Center**  [www.amistadresearchcenter.org](http://www.amistadresearchcenter.org)

The nation’s largest independent African-American archive. Holdings include papers, letters, photographs, and oral histories.

**Civil Rights History Project**  [http://www.loc.gov/collection/civil-rights-history-project](http://www.loc.gov/collection/civil-rights-history-project)

Interviews with people who participated in the civil rights movement in the 1950s-1960s, including activists and members of the NAACP, Congress of Racial Equality, and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Discussions of freedom rides, the Selma to Montgomery Rights March, sit-ins, voter registration drives and much more.

**ONLINE CATALOG**

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