

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH RESOURCES & LESSON PLANS

From Mathieu Da Costa, a navigator and interpreter whose presence in Canada dates back to the early 1600s, to Viola Desmond, a Black businesswoman jailed for refusing to leave a “whites only” area of a movie theatre in 1946, to studies of present-day discrimination and inequity, victory and courage, Black History Month offers compelling learning opportunities at all grade levels.

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## THE MANITOBA & CANADIAN EXPERIENCE:

### Early Years

CBC has assembled a series of stories, videos and activities designed to bring Canadian Black history alive for early years learners.

<https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/explore/black-history-month>

### Senior Years

The Ontario Teachers' Federation offers a variety of Black History lesson plans for Grades 9 & 10 on Canadian and world studies, business studies, English, the arts and social sciences.

<https://www.otffeo.on.ca/en/resources/lesson-plans/literacy-black-history/>

### Black Women and the Arts

Driven to overcome histories of prejudice and marginalization, Black women are among Canada's most innovative artists. The 15 dynamic artists featured in this exhibit – a mix of poets, playwrights, filmmakers, musicians and visual artists – refuse to be limited to one medium or style.

<https://thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/black-women-in-the-arts>

### The Role of Black Fur Traders

Explore the role of Black fur traders in Canada during the 1700s and 1800s through readings and a variety of activities on the Canada's History Society website.

<https://www.canadashistory.ca/education/classroom-resources/exploring-the-role-of-black-fur-traders>

### Veterans Affairs Canada – Black Canadians in Uniform

The tradition of military service by Black Canadians goes back long before Confederation. *Black Canadians in Uniform* chronicles the service and sacrifice of Black Canadians including the Korean War and post-war years.

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/people-and-stories/black-canadians>

### Black History Manitoba

Black History Manitoba provides educational information to honour, recognize, and celebrate the past and evolving role of Black experiences within the Canadian historical context.

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

### Timeline of Black History in Canada

This fascinating, detailed timeline takes students on a journey through Canadian Black History from the early 1600s to the present day.

<https://thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/timeline/black-history>

### Black History in Canada; an Education Guide

Historica Canada offers a number of resources, including *Black History in Canada; an Education Guide*. Drawing from Lawrence Hill's award-winning historical fiction, *The Book of Negroes*, the work is structured around themes of journey, slavery, human rights, passage to Canada and contemporary culture. The guide asks students to examine issues of identity, equality, community, and nation-building in both a historical and contemporary context.

[https://tce-live2.s3.amazonaws.com/media/studyguides/EN\\_BlackHistory\\_Digital.pdf](https://tce-live2.s3.amazonaws.com/media/studyguides/EN_BlackHistory_Digital.pdf)

### Facing Canada

This blog post outlines resources to use throughout Black History Month in February and beyond. It aims to excite students to learn, unite in their shared humanity and empower them to champion a more equitable, compassionate, and informed tomorrow.

<https://facingcanada.facinghistory.org/black-history-month-resources>

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<https://www.bhmwinnipeg.com/black-history>

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/multic/bhm.html>

<http://eocn.weebly.com/about.html>

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/canadian-black-history-largely-overlooked-in-classrooms-574233202.html>