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Recommended Reading

FOR STUDENTS:

From **Africans in America** [<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/>]:

- Hine, Darlene Clark, and Clayborn Carson, consulting eds. *Milestones in Black American History* series. N.Y.: Chelsea House Publishers. Each of the 16 volumes features primary sources and scholarship. Titles include the following:
 - The Birth of Black America
 - Braving the New World 1619-1784
 - The Gathering Storm 1787-1829
 - Days of Sorrow, Years of Glory 1831-1850
 - Toward the Promised Land 1851-1861
- Hoobler, Dorothy and Thomas. *The African American Family Album*. N.Y.: Oxford University Press, 1995. A pictorial and written record of the African American experience.
- Katz, William Loren. *Breaking the Chains: African American Slave Resistance*. N.Y.: Atheneum, 1990. A history of slave revolt, resistance, and rebellion.
- Meltzer, Milton. *The Black Americans: A History in Their Own Words 1619-1983*. Rev. ed. N.Y.: HarperCollins, 1987. A collection of primary sources with brief introductions.
- Meltzer, Milton. *Milestones to American Liberty: The Foundations of the Republic*. N.Y.: Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 1965. These important primary source documents helped to shape America.
- Myers, Walter Dean. *Now Is Your Time! The African-American Struggle for Freedom*. N.Y.: HarperCollins, 1991. An historical overview for younger readers.
- Sullivan, Charles, ed. *Children of Promise: African American Literature and Art for Young People*. N.Y.: Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 1991. This anthology includes literature and art of the African American experience.
- Young Oxford History of African Americans* series. N.Y.: Oxford University Press. This 11-volume series uses primary sources, stories, and scholarship. Titles include the following:
 - The First Passage: Blacks in the Americas, 1502-1617
 - Strange New Land: Blacks in Colonial America, 1516-1776
 - Revolutionary Citizens: African Americans, 1776-1804
 - Let My People Go: African Americans, 1804-1860

From **American Memory's Read More About It**

[<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/collections/book/cntrbook.html>]:

- Hamilton, Virginia. *Many Thousand Gone: African Americans From Slavery to Freedom*. N.Y.: Knopf, 1993.
- Hudson, Wade and Cheryl, eds. *How Sweet the Sound: African-American Songs for Children*. N.Y.: Scholastic, 1995.
- Medeavis, Angela Shelf. *This Far to Freedom: A History of African Americans*. N.Y.: Atheneum, 1993.
- Meltzer, Milton, ed. *Frederick Douglass: In His Own Words*. N.Y.: Harcourt Brace, 1995.
- Potter, Joan and Constance Claytor. *African Americans Who Were First*. N.Y.: Cobblehill Books, 1997.

(See also the **African American Odyssey Collection** [<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/collections/book/a.html#odyssey>] and the **African American Perspectives Collection** [<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/collections/book/a.html#African>].)

From **Bookhive** [<http://www.bookhive.org/>]:

- Rockwell, Anne. *Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth*. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Alfred A. Knopf, 2000.

FOR TEACHERS:

The NEH consultant for history recommends the following:

- Franklin, John Hope. *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans*. McGraw Hill, 1994 (Vol. I), 1997 (Vol. II).
- Litwack, Leon F. *North of Slavery: The Negro in the Free States, 1790-1860*. University of Chicago Press, January 1994.
- Oliver, James and Horton, Lois. *In Hope of Liberty: Culture, Community, and Protest Among Northern Free Blacks, 1700-1860*. Oxford University Press, August 1996.