



Classroom Resources

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH MEMPHIS-SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Living History Mural



Create a mural that illustrates key moments in Black History in education, such as the Little Rock Nine, the Civil Rights Movement, and contemporary efforts to close the achievement gap.

Timeline of Black History in Education

Create a timeline of events and figures in Black History in education, and have students research and add to it throughout the month.



Book Club

Organize a book club for elementary students to read and discuss literature on Black History in education, such as "The Freedom Writers" or "March: Book One."

Black History Scavenger Hunt

Create a scavenger hunt that guides students through the school and community to learn about the history of Black History in education, and the actions being taken today to support Black students.





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Heroes of Black History in Education

Have students research and **create a presentation** on a historical or contemporary figure who played a significant role in Black History in education.

Equality in Action

Create a **social action project** where students come up with ways they can support Black students and education equality in their school and community.



Poetry of Black History in Education

Encourage students to **write poems or songs** about Black History in education and share them at a school event.

Art of Activism

Have students **create art pieces** that reflect the themes of Black History in education and display them in a school-wide exhibition.



Letter Writing Campaign

Encourage students to **write letters** to their elected officials, advocating for more resources and support for Black students and education equality.



Middle School Teacher Resources



- Research and present on the Little Rock Nine and their role in desegregating schools.
- Study the life and legacy of Angela Davis and her advocacy for educational justice.
- Create a timeline of important events and figures in Black History in education.
- Read and discuss books by Black authors that explore themes including the push for equality in education, such as *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis or *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas.
- Host a panel discussion or debate on the topic of school vouchers and their impact on Black communities.
- Watch and discuss documentary films such as "13th" or "I Am Not Your Negro," which explore the intersection of race and education.
- Organize a field trip to a historic site related to Black History in education, such as the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site.
- Invite a guest speaker from a Black student organization or a local Black-led organization to speak about their work in promoting educational equity.
- Create a visual art project that reflects on the theme.
- Research and present on the current state of educational opportunities for Black students.





High School Teacher Resources

- Create a **podcast or radio show** that explores Black History in education and interviews current educators and activists about their experiences and perspectives.
- Create a **virtual reality experience** that allows users to explore historical sites and learn about the Civil Rights Movement and desegregation.
- **Write a play or musical** that tells the story of Black history in education and the fight for desegregation.
- Create a **quilt or mural** that showcases the contributions of Black educators and activists in the fight for education equality.
- Organize a **photo exhibit** that highlights the experiences of Black students and educators in the struggle for desegregation.
- Host a **poetry slam or spoken word event** that encourages students to express their thoughts and feelings about the theme.
- Develop a **social media campaign** that raises awareness about the ongoing impact of Black history in education and encourages people to take action to support Black students and education equality.



Image: 360° Tour of National Museum of African American History

