

# Black History Toolkit

Bring History to Life for  
Your Students and Inspire  
Tomorrow's Leaders

SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24



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# Toolkit Overview

## What is this Black History Toolkit for?

This EVERFI toolkit provides free digital lessons that can be used to celebrate Black history. The suggested lessons are research-based, standards-aligned, and designed for students in grades 8-12. The toolkit provides implementation ideas to:

- Prepare for Black History Month in February
- Incorporate Black history across content areas
- Foster conversations about Black history year-long

## What is EVERFI?

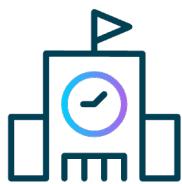
At EVERFI from Blackbaud, we're passionate about whole-child learning and equipping students with real-world skills. For the past 15 years, we've built high-quality, standards-aligned instructional resources for educators covering topics like financial education, workforce readiness, health & wellness, STEM, and history.

## How are these resources free?

EVERFI secures community partners to sponsor K-12 schools in the United States and Canada. These strategic partners fund our digital courses & resources, which are available through EVERFI's learning platform. Teachers can access this library of 40+ courses and assign them to students at no cost.

## What support from EVERFI is available?

EVERFI team members across the United States offer K-12 educators and administrators with free personalized support ranging from professional learning events to trainings throughout the year. Specifically, the District Success team works with local SEAs and LEAs to support the needs of school districts through planning and implementation.



**5.8M+**

student learners  
last school year

**750K+**

teachers in  
our network

**300K+**

in college savings  
scholarships offered  
last school year

**13K+**

school districts  
in our network

# Black History Curriculum

Black Americans' influence can be found at the core of American life, from science and academia, to music, arts and social movements. When you explore the journey of Black history, you find stories of strength, resilience, and achievement. In every community, these stories are foundational to building shared values, which inspire today's youth to become tomorrow's leaders. EVERFI's History Suite includes two research-based digital courses that bring Black history to life with immersive, engaging lessons:

- **306: Black History** explores the lives, stories, and lessons of Black Americans throughout history
- **306: Black History – Continuing the Story** explores the many "firsts" that Black leaders have accomplished in the business and medical fields, while also highlighting Black professionals who have blazed trails and made significant contributions to their respective sectors



**306: Black History**

## LENGTH

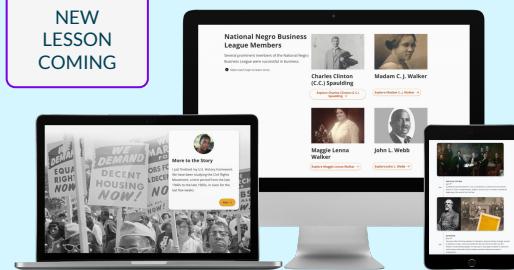
6 digital lessons, 50 mins each with a capstone project

## STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

Common Core State Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, College, Career, and Civic Life  
C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards

## TOPICS COVERED

- West Africa in the age of global transformations
- Slavery in the United States
- The Civil Rights period & beyond



**306: Black History – Continuing the Story**

## LENGTH

3 digital lessons, 15 mins each

## STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

Common Core State Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, College, Career, and Civic Life  
C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards

## TOPICS COVERED

- Notable Black figures within the business and medical sector and their impact
- The success of Black Wall Street
- Injustice in access to and quality of medical care

## 306: Black History

West Africa in the Age of Global Transformations

Slavery in the United States

Emancipation and Reconstruction

The Jim Crow Period

The Civil Rights Period

Beyond the Civil Rights Period



## 306: Black History – Continuing the Story

Untold Stories

Black Business Titans

Black Contributions to Medicine

Coming Soon:  
New Lesson on the  
Principles of Non-Violence



# Black History Month Schedule

## February 2024



Learn how to access these free digital lessons and assign them to your students on **page #7**

			<b>1</b>  <b>Pear Deck for 306: Black History</b> to launch Black History Month  Students create their free accounts and practice logging into the platform	<b>2</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  <b>Begin Lesson One:</b> West Africa in the Age of Global Transformations (30 mins)
<b>5</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  <b>Finish Lesson One:</b> West Africa in the Age of Global Transformations (30 mins)	<b>6</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  <b>Start Lesson Two:</b> Slavery in the United States (25 mins)	<b>7</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  <b>Finish Lesson Two:</b> Slavery in the United States (25 mins)	<b>8</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  <b>Start Lesson Three:</b> Emancipation and Reconstruction (25 mins)	<b>9</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  <b>Finish Lesson Three:</b> Emancipation and Reconstruction (25 mins)
<b>12</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  <b>Start Lesson Four:</b> The Jim Crow Era (30 mins)	<b>13</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  <b>Finish Lesson Four:</b> The Jim Crow Era (30 mins)	<b>14</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  <b>Start Lesson Five:</b> The Civil Rights Movement (30 mins)	<b>15</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  <b>Finish Lesson Five:</b> The Civil Rights Movement (30 mins)	<b>16</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  <b>Start Lesson Six:</b> Beyond the Civil Rights Movement (30 mins)
<b>19</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  <b>Finish Lesson Six:</b> Beyond the Civil Rights Movement (30 mins)	<b>20</b>  <b>306: Black History</b>  Introduce the <b>306 Capstone Project</b> , "Black History Connections" (20 mins)	<b>21</b>  <b>Offline</b> Independent or Small Group Work  Students prepare to present their project in small groups, individually, or in 1:1 conferences	<b>22</b>  <b>Offline</b> Independent or Small Group Work  Students continue to prepare their capstone project in small groups or individually	<b>23</b>  <b>Offline</b> Independent or Small Group Work  Students continue to prepare their capstone project in small groups or individually
<b>26</b>  <b>Offline</b> Independent or Small Group Work  Students continue to prepare their capstone project in small groups or individually	<b>27</b>  <b>Offline</b> Presentation  Students present their <b>306 Capstone Project</b> , "Black History Connections"	<b>28</b>  <b>Pear Deck for 306: Black History – Continuing the Story</b> to launch the course  <b>Lesson One:</b> Untold Stories (15 mins)	<b>29</b>  <b>306: Black History – Continuing the Story</b>  <b>Lesson Two &amp; Three:</b> Black Business Titans, Black Contributions to Medicine (30 mins)	

# Incorporating Year-Round

## Why is learning Black history important?

Learning Black history helps to promote understanding and awareness of the diverse experiences and perspectives of Black individuals. By learning about the challenges and triumphs of Black individuals throughout history, students can gain a deeper understanding of the world around them and develop empathy and compassion for others. In addition to promoting understanding and empathy, learning Black history can also help students develop a sense of pride and belonging. For Black students, seeing their own history and culture represented in the curriculum can be empowering and help them feel a sense of connection to their heritage. For non-Black students, learning about Black history can help them understand and appreciate the rich cultural contributions of Black individuals and communities.

## How can educators effectively teach Black history all year long?

### Incorporate Black history into existing lesson plans

One way to teach Black history is incorporating it into existing lesson plans. For example, a history teacher could discuss the role of Black individuals in key historical events, or an English teacher could include works by Black authors in their reading lists.

### Create interdisciplinary units

Another option is to create interdisciplinary units that focus on Black history. These units can include a variety of subjects, such as art, music, and literature, and can allow students to explore different aspects of Black history in greater depth.

### Engage students in research and discussion

Educators can encourage students to engage in research and discussion around Black history. This can include having students conduct research projects on Black historical figures / events or facilitating discussions about the impact of Black History on society.

### Encourage students to create their own content

Educators can encourage students to create their own content related to Black history. This can include writing essays or creating art, music, or other multimedia projects that reflect their own interpretations and understandings of Black history.

## How can educators incorporate Black history curriculum across subjects?

### Math

Educators who teach math can focus on incorporating biographies of Black mathematicians into their lessons or highlighting the contributions of Black mathematicians to specific mathematical concepts or fields.

### Science

Educators who teach science can discuss the contributions of Black scientists and inventors; teach about the impact of science on Black communities; or use a variety of teaching resources, such as books, articles, and videos, that feature Black scientists.

### Art

Educators who teach art can include artists from different time periods and art movements, such as Harlem Renaissance artists like Jacob Lawrence and Romare Bearden, or contemporary artists like Kehinde Wiley and Kara Walker.

### Music

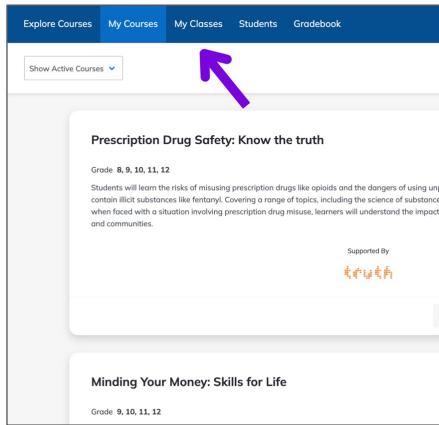
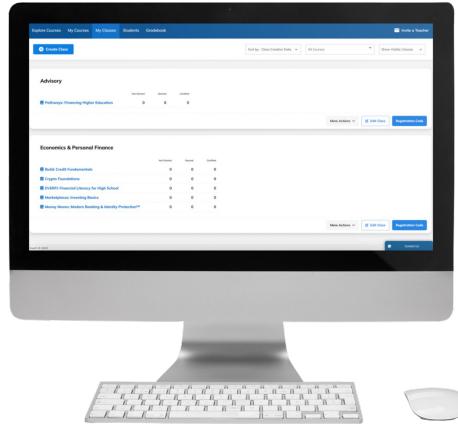
Educators who teach music can focus on the works of black musicians; engage with the music of specific historical periods or events; or expose students to a range of musical styles that have been developed and influenced by Black community.

# Getting Started

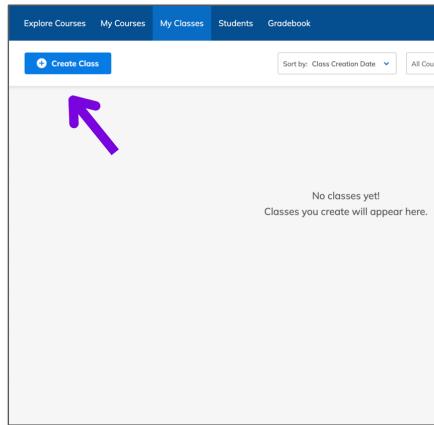
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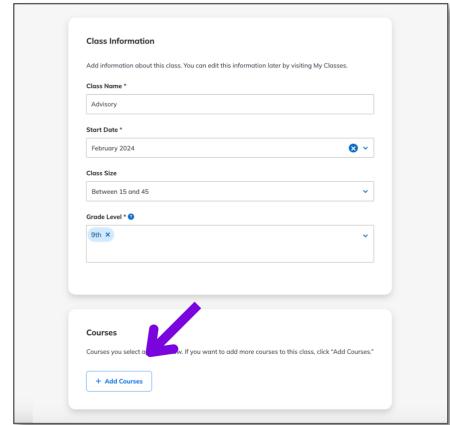
If you already have an EVERFI account, just click Login



A screenshot of the EVERFI student dashboard. At the top, there are tabs for 'Explore Courses', 'My Courses', 'My Classes', 'Students', and 'Gradebook'. Below these, a 'Show Active Courses' button is highlighted with a purple arrow. The main content area displays two course offerings: 'Prescription Drug Safety: Know the truth' (Grade 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) and 'Minding Your Money: Skills for Life' (Grade 9, 10, 11, 12). Each course has a brief description and a 'Supported By' section with icons.



A screenshot of the EVERFI teacher dashboard. At the top, there are tabs for 'Explore Courses', 'My Courses', 'My Classes', 'Students', and 'Gradebook'. A 'Create Class' button is highlighted with a purple arrow. Below it, a message says 'No classes yet! Classes you create will appear here.'



A screenshot of the EVERFI teacher dashboard showing the 'Class Information' form. It includes fields for 'Class Name' (Advisory), 'Start Date' (February 2024), 'Class Size' (Between 15 and 45), and 'Grade Level' (9th). A purple arrow points to the '+ Add Courses' button at the bottom of the form, which says 'Courses you selected to add. If you want to add more courses to this class, click "Add Courses."'

After you create your free EVERFI account using the link above, head to the **My Classes** tab on the top

Select the blue **+ Create Class** button on the top left and fill out your class information

Click **+ Add Courses** and select the desired courses. We recommend the following:

- 306: Black History
- 306: Black History - Continuing the Story

## Traditional Student Registration

After you complete the three steps above, you will receive a unique class code that your students will use when registering for their student accounts and joining your class to start the assigned digital courses.

→ [Here is a guide](#) to help them get started

## SSO Student Registration

If your school district uses single sign-on (SSO) with EVERFI through Clever or ClassLink, your students are automatically rostered. They will simply select the EVERFI app on your SSO homepage or district portal.

→ [Here is a guide](#) to help them get started

**Clever** -and-

**ClassLink**

# Professional Learning

## Webinar Opportunities

Prepare for Black History Month with webinars – all at no cost to you thanks to the generous support of national and regional strategic partners. If you missed these dates, search for on demand content from EVERFI using the links below.

To access the webinar links below, scan the QR codes or click on them if you're viewing this toolkit from a computer.



### Prepare for Black History Month

January 24, 2024 at 4:30 PM EST



Join this webinar to learn the features and benefits of EVERFI's Black history curriculum and how to use it with middle and high school students this Black History Month.

### Student Workshop

February 8, 2024 with three sessions



Present this virtual workshop for students in grades 8-12. They'll work through an interactive digital lesson from 306: Black History and then enjoy a group discussion.



## Access On Demand Content

EVERFI hosts webinars with school and district leaders as well as industry professionals year-round on a variety of topics. Our library of recorded webinars is available to educators and administrators on demand with certificates of professional learning available upon completion.



View on demand library

### Popular Webinars From Last School Year

#### **Culturally Responsive Leadership: From Blueprint to Reality**

*This webinar identifies how to create learning environments that honor student identities and leverage culturally competent leadership moves that disrupt inequities within and across schools and school systems.*



Watch the recording

#### **Best Practices for Strengthening African American History Education in Your District**

*This webinar explores the importance of incorporating African American history across content areas and best practices for creating and implementing a district plan.*



Watch the recording

# Virtual Field Trips

## Exploring Black History in the United States

Take your middle and high school students on a virtual tour across the United States, where they will learn about places that shaped leaders and movements in our history, such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Historic District, the Civil Rights Trail, “River Farms to Urban Towers” Southwest Heritage Trail, the Carver Museum, Booker T. Washington’s former home, the Black Heritage Trail, the Ritz Theatre, the Malcolm X Memorial Foundation, Louis Armstrong Park, and much more.



To view the EVERFI YouTube playlist, scan the QR code or click on it if you’re viewing this toolkit from a computer



### Virtual Field Trip Locations

- Atlanta, GA
- Birmingham, AL
- Washington, D.C.
- Tuskegee and Selma, AL
- Boston, MA
- Jacksonville, FL
- Omaha, NE
- New Orleans, LA

# Appendix

## Additional Resources

<a href="#"><u>Pear Deck for 306: Black History</u></a>	This Pear Deck for 306: <i>Black History</i> can be used to launch the digital course with students. The interactive Google Slides are available at no cost and introduce some of the topics covered in the course.
<a href="#"><u>Curriculum Guide for 306: Black History</u></a>	This curriculum guide for 306: <i>Black History</i> is available as a planning resource to prepare instruction. It includes learning objectives for each lesson and topics covered.
<a href="#"><u>Pear Deck for 306: Black History – Continuing the Story</u></a>	This Pear Deck for 306: <i>Black History – Continuing the Story</i> can be used to launch the course with students. The Google Slides are available at no cost and introduce some of the topics covered in the course.
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<a href="#"><u>"A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Timeline of Key Figures in African American History" Canva Template</u></a>	This free template available on Canva can be used as an activity to illustrate key figures in recent Black history. Students can customize the timeline with photos and text in small groups or individually.
<a href="#"><u>"Kenny Washington and Breaking the NFL's Color Barrier" Blog</u></a>	This blog is a part of EVERFI's #UntoldStories blog series. This inaugural feature spotlights Kenny Washington, a trailblazer in the world of sports, who exemplified the core value of resilience.
<a href="#"><u>"6 Recommended and Free Resources to Teach African American History" Blog</u></a>	This blog outlines six free online resources to teach Black history throughout the school year, including BlackPast, the HistoryMakers Digital Archive, and the Zinn Education Project.



## Downloadable Instructions

[Educator Quick Start Guide](#)

[Student Quick Start Guide](#)

[Assigning Courses To Students](#)

[Fillable Student Quick Start Guide](#)

[SSO Educator Quick Start Guide](#)

[SSO Student Quick Start Guide](#)



## Have Any Questions?

EVERFI has a dedicated, regional team available to support you every step of the way. Contact us on [your dashboard](#) by clicking the **Contact Us** button on the bottom right or clicking **Support** on the top right to send us a quick email.





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EVERFI from Blackbaud empowers educators to bring real-world learning into the classroom and equip students with the skills they need for success – now and in the future. Founded in 2008, EVERFI's digital educational content has reached more than 45 million learners globally; one in two school districts use EVERFI courses in the classroom. With the support of like-minded organizations that share EVERFI's mission, EVERFI's K-12 digital resources and professional development are available at no cost.

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