Black History/African American Culture Exploration Kit



Sample items from the kit

This Culture Exploration Kit highlights the diversity and richness of Black History and African-American culture, celebrating lesser-known aspects as well as famous contributions to U.S. and world culture such as Jazz and Rap. As with all our kits, the collection is designed to inspire further exploration rather than provide an exhaustive history; it provides tactile and visual materials that address important issues such as slavery, civil rights, immigration, and Oregon's exclusion laws. An activity binder is included, as well as a list of online teaching resources.

Highlights include: authentic period items from Vanport (1st Oregon city with a large Black population) the Pendleton rodeo (African American cowboys) New Orleans Social Clubs, Black Seminole Tribes in Florida, the first Mammal Fossil accurately identified in North America, and Foods that Americans learned to eat from Africans. The kit is organized into two parts – the largest collection focuses on the cultural history of the African American majority - those whose ancestry derives from peoples abducted into slavery during the early centuries of the nation's history; a smaller collection offers items relating to various recent African immigrant groups to the U.S. and their descendants - a population that includes such notables as Colin Powell and Barak Obama.

Appropriate for K-12 – Adult

Additional materials you may want to provide: Enough Monopoly board games (for 4 players @ each game) to play "Race-Based Wealth Gap: Monopoly Role-play" designed by Teaching Tolerance

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