

The African American Experience: How We Got Here

Resources (as referenced in the presentation)

Race and Voting:

The Constitutional Rights Foundation provides a brief historical summary of the voting rights of African Americans in the South. After the Civil War, state governments imposed a variety of legal yet discriminatory practices to keep African Americans from participating in the voting process.

www.crf-usa.org/brown-v-board-50th-anniversary/race-and-voting.html

Prison Population:

The Bureau of Justice Statistics, a component of the United States Justice Department, collects and analyzes data related to crime, criminal offenders, and victims of crime. Explore this site and notice the relationship between prison populations and race.

<https://www.bjs.gov/>

Black population in South Carolina:

In 1973, a student at Atlanta University wrote a thesis about the black population in South Carolina. The thesis explores population growth, legal status, economic conditions, and the social life of free blacks in selected counties.

<http://digitalcommons.auctr.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3761&context=dissertations>

**Separate and Unequal, Charles Houston SC education video:*

This silent documentary by the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People highlights the separate but woefully unequal conditions in racially segregated schools during the 1920's and 30's in South Carolina.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBA2CL1uPCU

Greenville Racial Reality 1865-1900

This thesis from Atlanta University provides data and analysis concerning race relations in Greenville during the late 1800's. Sources include official local government proceedings.

<http://digitalcommons.auctr.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1847&context=dissertations>

Racial inequalities in Health and Housing

In this well-sourced work, The Brookings Institute explains the current racial gap in health care and housing. The chapter offers their policy proposals and solutions for these critical areas of American life.

<http://brookings.edu/research/time-for-justice-tackling-race-inequalities-in-health-and-housing/>

Link between race and poverty

In this article, the Population Research and Policy Review Journal considers the correlations between race, ethnicity, poverty, and affluence in the last half of the 20th Century.

https://link.springer.com/epdf/10.1007/s11113-019-09512-7?author_access_token=WvJ_Yb0LnA-6FHqyPUI9Ffe4RwIQNchNB_yi7wbcMAY42DtvOi9ffkPh4Svpwx3WVb4kyOKfaNuiTfXEvN2hy9SGbYgkWiVPk33TYKDsQTY5DmJHVkbVwNFrEWPeggyv8-z2WFhAZ-GgsASOTz4d00Q%3D%3D

Historic Resources Survey - Greenville County

Through the research of Greenville County historical landmarks, a story is revealed. Maps, buildings, and charts provide the backdrop that brings life to the history of the Upstate.

<https://greenvillerec.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Greenville-Historic-Resources-Survey-email.pdf>



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Redlining

This brief Washington Post article explains the historical concept of redlining and current home lending policies that contribute to the racial wealth gap in America.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2018/03/28/redlining-was-banned-50-years-ago-its-still-hurting-minorities-today/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.d701532b15b2

Browse 150 maps to better understand the economic and racial disparities in home lending practices.

<https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/#loc=4/36.71/-96.93&opacity=0.8>

John Piper discusses American evangelicalism, our pilgrim mindset, race, and Christian identity.

This article will challenge our thinking using layers of history and Biblical thought.

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/black-history-in-the-making>

Other

National Museum for Peace and Justice

115 Coosa Street

Montgomery, Alabama 36104

<https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/>

National Museum of African American History and Culture

15 St. and Constitution Ave., NW

Washington, DC

<https://www.si.edu/museums/african-american-museum>

Furman University Project - "Seeking Abraham" (with local connection to our Downtown Campus Building)

https://www.furman.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Seeking_Abraham_Furman_Task_Force_on_Slavery_and_Justice_Report.pdf

Helpful Books

The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism by Jemar Tisby and Lecrae Moore (2019)

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson (2014)

The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row by Anthony Ray Hinton, Lara Love Hardin, et al (2018)

