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African American Civil Rights Movement (1954–1968)

Student Research Guide

Modern History | Year 11 and 12

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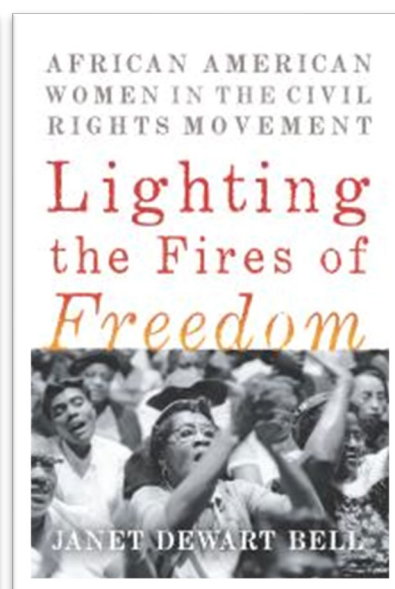
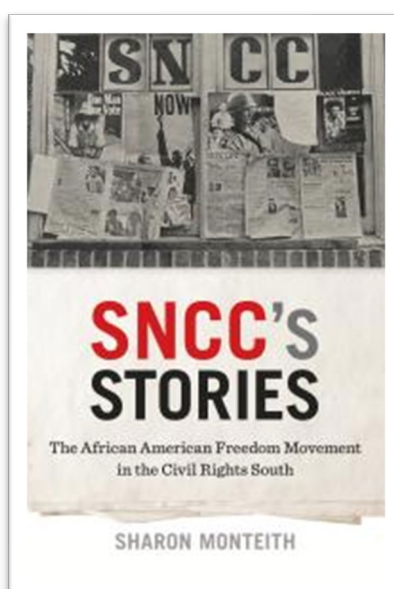
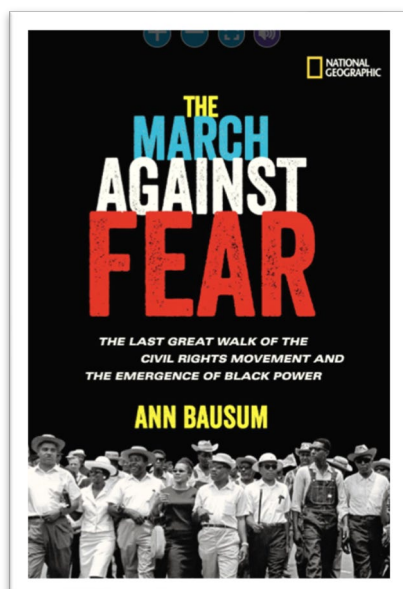
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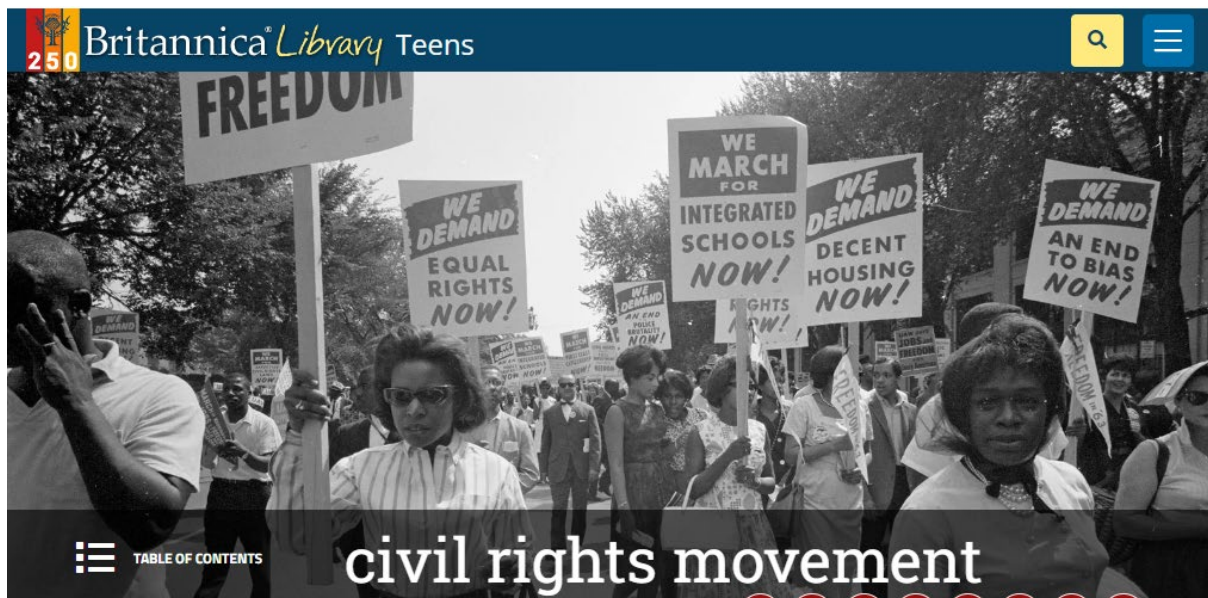


The screenshot shows the Oxford Reference website. At the top, the "Oxford Reference" logo is on the left, and a search bar is on the right. Below the logo, there are navigation tabs for "Subject" and "Reference Type". On the right side of the header, there are links for "My Content (3)" and "My Searches (3)".

The main content area features a featured entry for the "Encyclopedia of African American History 1896 to the Present". To the left of the text is an image of the encyclopedia's multi-volume set. The text describes the work as a remarkable work tracing the transition from the Reconstruction Era to the age of Jim Crow, the Harlem Renaissance, the Civil Rights Movement, and the ascendant influence of African Americans. It mentions that the encyclopedia contains approximately 1,200 fully cross-referenced entries, all signed by leading scholars and experts.

To the right of the main text is a biographical note about Paul Finkelman, the editor in chief. It states that Paul Finkelman is the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy at Albany Law School, New York, and is the author of more than 30 books and more than 150 journal articles.

The [Britannica Library](#) has articles, images and more, with a selection of resources especially for teenagers.

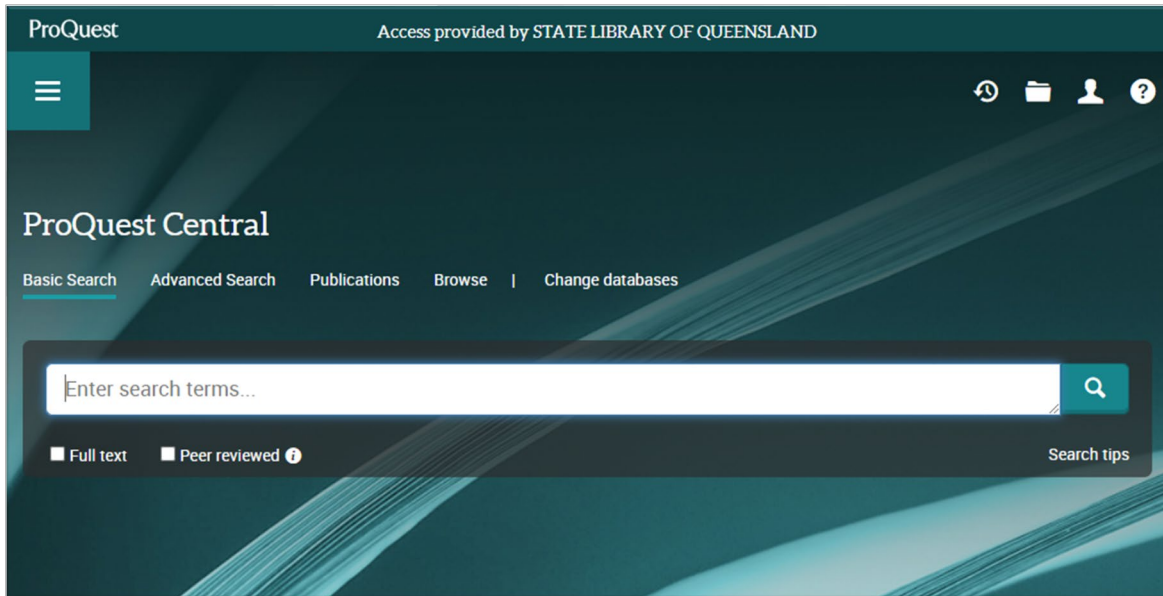


The screenshot shows the Britannica Library Teens website. The header features the "Britannica Library Teens" logo on the left, a search bar, and a menu icon on the right. The main content area is a large image of a civil rights march. The image shows a group of people holding signs that read "FREEDOM", "WE DEMAND EQUAL RIGHTS NOW!", "WE MARCH FOR INTEGRATED SCHOOLS NOW!", "WE DEMAND DECENT HOUSING NOW!", and "WE DEMAND AN END TO BIAS NOW!".

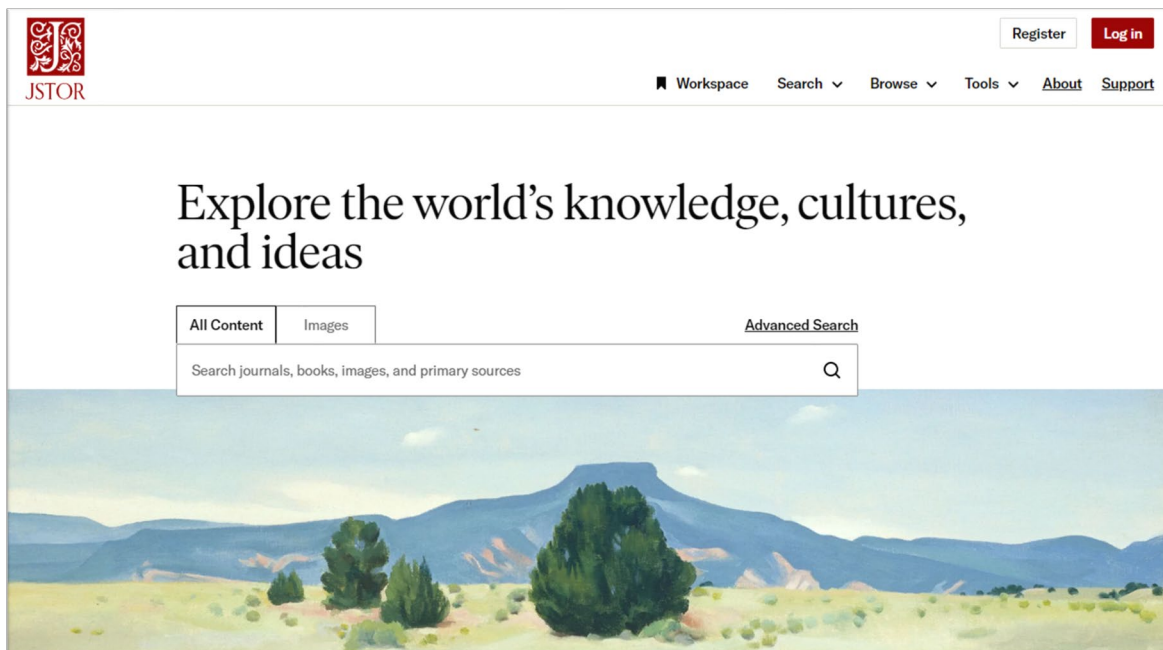
At the bottom of the image, there is a "TABLE OF CONTENTS" link on the left and the text "civil rights movement" in a large, white, sans-serif font.

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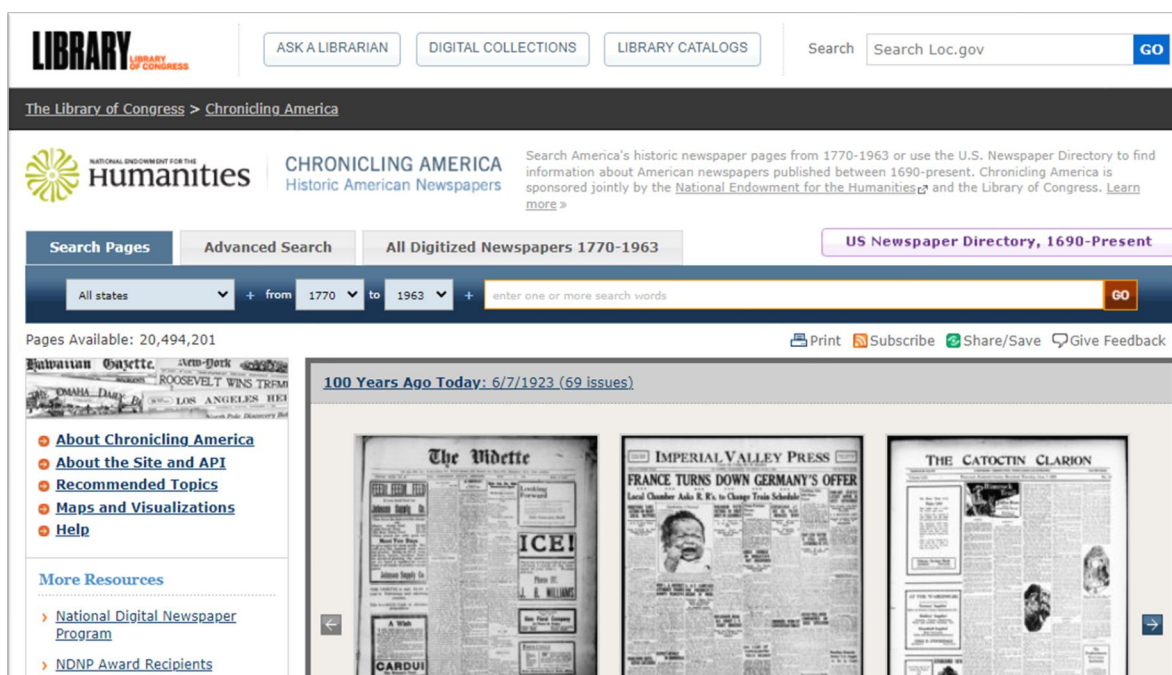


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