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African American Civil Rights Movement (1954–1968)

Student Research Guide

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Overview

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State Library's One Search catalogue is the gateway to an extensive suite of national and international journals, databases, eBooks, encyclopedias, newspaper archives, and collections of thousands of historical images, letters, artworks, diaries, and artefacts to interrogate as sources.

This guide is designed to help you discover items on the **African American Civil Rights Movement (1954–1968)** that you can access on site, from your school or home.

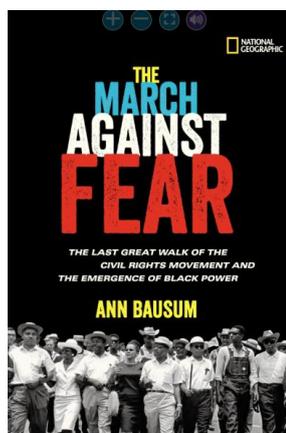
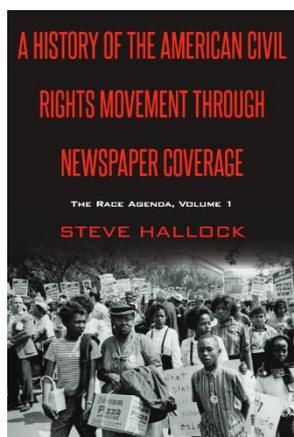
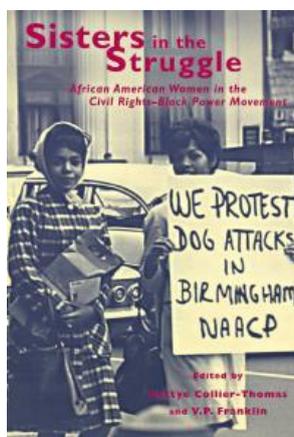
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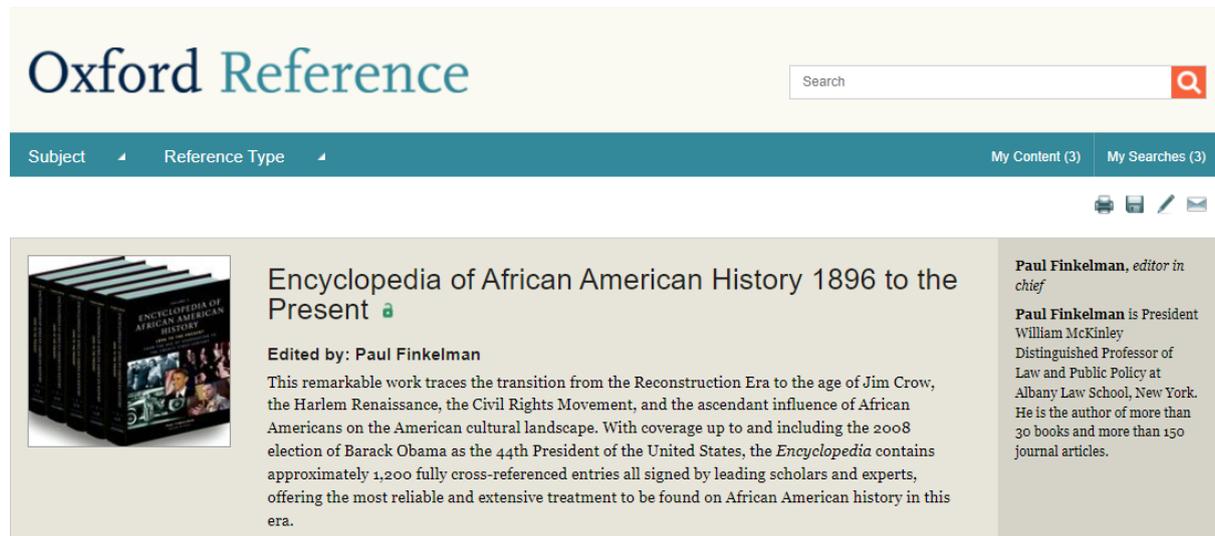
You can search our catalogue for [all items on the African American Civil Rights Movement](#) or begin exploring by clicking on some of the featured items contained in this research guide.

Featured eBooks



Featured Databases

[Oxford Reference](#) spans 25 different subject areas, bringing together 2 million digitised entries across Oxford University Press's dictionaries, companions, and encyclopedias.



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)".

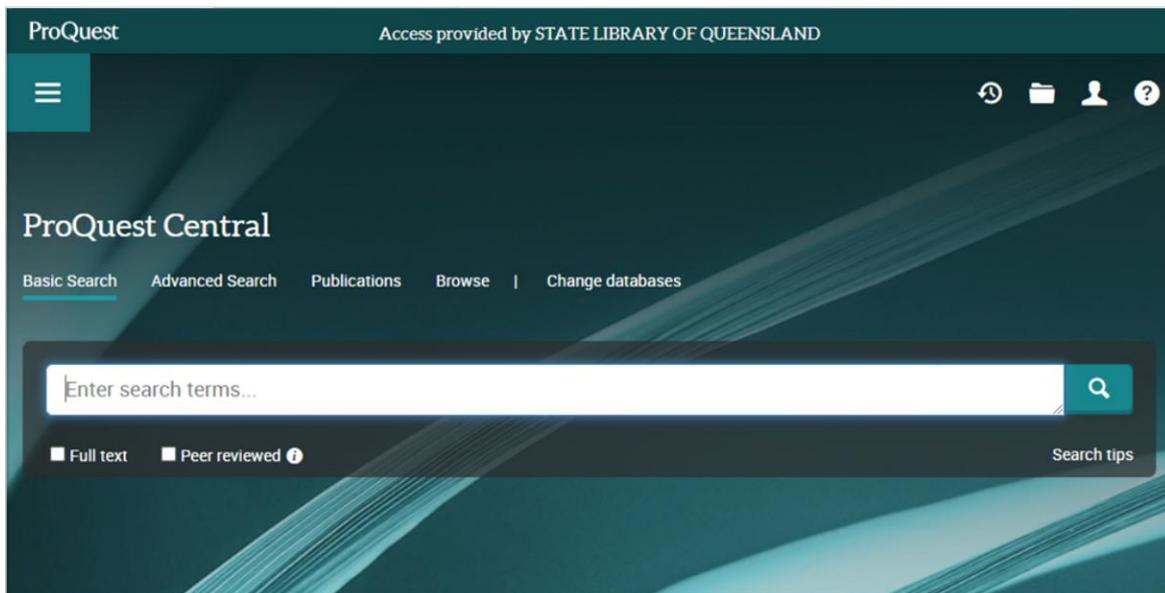
The main content area features a featured entry for the "Encyclopedia of African American History 1896 to the Present". To the left of the text is an image of the encyclopedia's multi-volume set. The text describes the work as edited by Paul Finkelman and traces the transition from the Reconstruction Era to the present. To the right of the text is a bio for Paul Finkelman, editor in chief, who is a Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy at Albany Law School, New York.

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

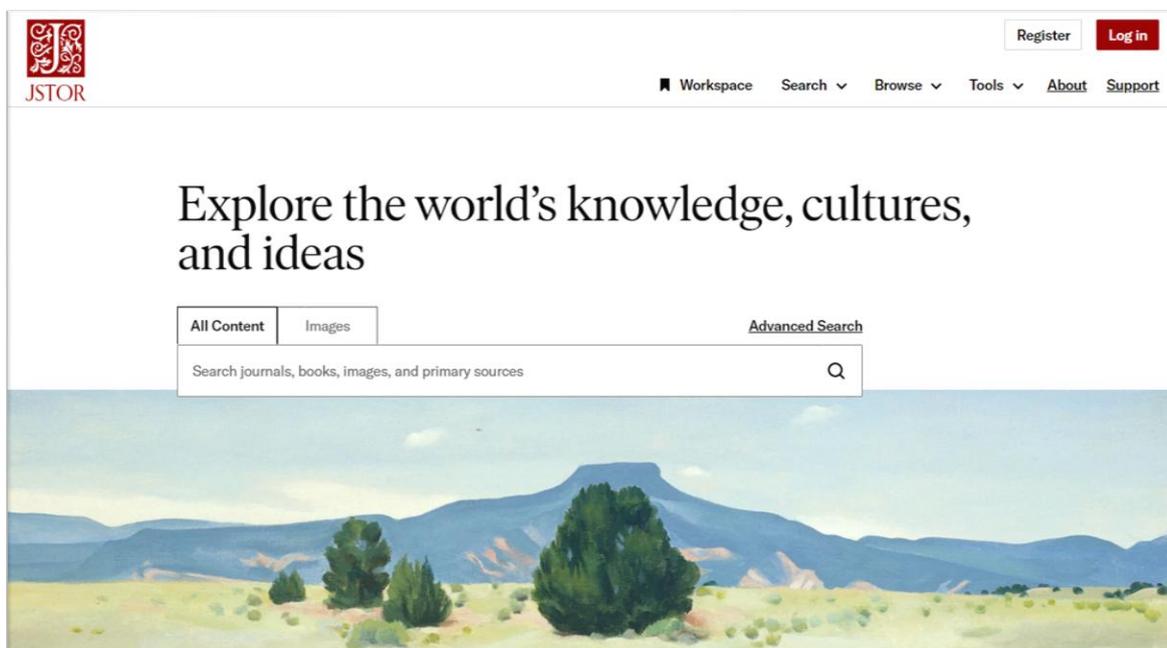


The screenshot shows the Britannica Library Teens interface. The header includes the "250 Britannica Library Teens" logo and a search bar. The main image is a black and white photograph of a large crowd of people at a civil rights march, holding various signs. The signs include "FREEDOM", "WE DEMAND 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, the text "civil rights movement" is displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font. On the left side of the image, there is a "TABLE OF CONTENTS" link with a hamburger menu icon.

[ProQuest Central](#) brings together 47 databases across 175 subject areas, providing easy intuitive access to an incredibly broad and comprehensive range of content.



[JSTOR](#) provides access to more than 12 million scholarly journal articles and is an excellent resource for primary sources.



Music of the Civil Rights Movement

[Music Online](#) combines audio and video that spans all time periods, hundreds of thousands of seminal artists, composers, choreographers, and ensembles

The screenshot shows the Music Online interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu, the Alexander Street logo, and a search bar. The search results for 'civil rights' show 20 results. On the left, there are filters for 'Historical Event: U.S. Civil Rights Movement, 1954-' and 'REFINE YOUR SEARCH' with categories like Format, Genre, and Soloist/Performer. The main results list two items: 'Sing For Freedom: The Story of the Civil Rights Movement Through Its Songs' and 'Voices of the Civil Rights Movement: Black American Freedom Songs 1960-1966'. Each result includes a thumbnail, title, producer, date, and a brief description.

Newspapers

The [SMH archives](#) contains 820,000 pages in almost 13,000 issues of The Sydney Morning Herald and The Sun-Herald, spanning 1955 to 1995.

The screenshot shows the Sydney Morning Herald Archives website. At the top, there is the newspaper's name, 'ARCHIVES 1955 - 1995', and buttons for 'Access Archive', 'SUBSCRIBE', and 'LOGIN'. Below this is a banner that reads 'GAIN ACCESS TO 40 YEARS OF TRUE-TO-PRINT DIGITAL NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES'. A search bar contains the text 'civil rights movement'. Below the search bar, a row of six newspaper front pages is displayed, showing various news items and headlines related to the search query.

[Chronicling America](#), by the US Library of Congress, is a searchable, digital archive of American newspapers from 1770 through to 1963.

More research

Search the catalogue

Continue searching for more using these subject searches:

[Civil rights movements -- United States -- History -- 20th century](#)

[African Americans -- Civil rights -- History -- 20th century](#)

[National Association for the Advancement of Colored People -- History -- 20th century](#)

[African American civil rights workers -- Biography](#)

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