

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing the program, the student should have a better understanding of: Africans as the first Americans; African contributions to ranching in the West; African contributions to medicine, astronomy, transportation, mathematics, and architecture.

DISCUSSION TOPICS/QUESTIONS

1. Who were the first Americans?
2. What does it mean to be African-American?
3. In what ways did Africans participate in ranching in the West?
4. African cowboys were treated with much less prejudice than their counterparts in other jobs. Why?
5. What role did African-Americans play in the Civil War?
6. What were some African-American contributions to medicine, mathematics, transportation, astronomy, and architecture.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

This program is designed for use with a general school audience, grades 7 - 12.

PRESENTING THE PROGRAM

To prepare a lesson plan for the presentation of each program, review the suggested outline below:

1. Before students view the program: Collect as many recommended books as possible to help generate class interest and participation. Preview each program and become familiar with the concepts that are presented in it.
2. Students view the program: The first viewing, if possible should be uninterrupted.
3. After the first viewing: Elicit discussion of what the students have seen and heard. The next viewing will be enriched by this general discussion.
4. Second viewing: The program may be viewed again, this time with attention to detail. The teacher should feel free to stop and question students regarding: a. what is happening in a visual; b. major concepts.
5. Post activities and discussion: Discussion questions for this program may be used to stimulate further interest, reinforce concepts and evaluate student comprehension.

DEFINITIONS

C.E. and B.C.E: Terms used to avoid sectarianism: (B.C.E. substitutes for B.C., and C.E. substitutes for A.D.)

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- L903 The Splendor Of Ancient Egypt
- L904 African Contributions To U.S. History
- L905 African Influences On Early Europe
- L906 Africans Shaping The U.S. West
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- L908 Self-Esteem For Native American Students
- L909 Native American History
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TEACHER'S GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

This program discusses the historical contributions of African culture and knowledge, to the Old West and the ways in which Africans helped shape the history of U.S. as a whole. It is designed to provide a background for further research and more advanced study.



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