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“Getting Started With Primary Sources in the Classroom.” *National Archives.*  
<http://www.archives.gov/education/research/>

<http://afroamhistory.about.com/od/marchonwashington/ig/March-on-Washington-Photos/>

Access 47 photographs of the March on Washington from the National Archives.

<http://www.crmvet.org/crmlinks.htm>

An indexed list of relevant websites which includes many excellent links. The site provides timelines, essays, interviews, photographs, and documents from those who participated in the Freedom Movement.

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/aaohhtml/exhibit/aopart9.html>

An exhibition entitled, *The African American Odyssey: A Quest for Full Citizenship*, from the Library of Congress. Displaying more than 240 items, including books, government documents, manuscripts, maps, musical scores, plays, films, and recordings, this was the largest black history exhibit ever held at the Library.

<http://www.npr.org/news/specials/march40th/>

On August 28, 2003, National Public Radio marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the March on Washington by interviewing people who were there, including marchers, organizers. Listen to audio clips from the March itself.

<http://pbskids.org/wayback/civilrights/index.html>

A PBS history site appropriate for upper elementary students, “Way Back: Stand Up for Your Rights,” includes interviews with “history makers,” games, activities using historical photographs, and background information on civil rights history.

<http://www.teachersdomain.org/tdhome.html>:

After registering on this site, you can access many primary sources from the civil rights movement such as documents, video footage, and music. Information is categorized by topic and grade level. An interactive timeline gives a comprehensive view of historical events.

<http://www.voicesofcivilrights.org/>

A large collection of first-hand accounts from people who participated in the civil rights movement. Includes a timeline, a music video, and responses from young people of today.