
Additional Sample Topics

The following list of sample topics is intended to help ethnic studies teachers develop content for their courses. It is not intended to be exhaustive; however, it should be instructive as to the pedagogical approach that allows African agency to be at the center of any discourse or lesson about African American people.

- Emergence of Humans in Africa
- Classical Africa
- Great African Empires and Kingdoms: Ghana, Mali, Songhay, Zimbabwe, Kongo, Asante, and Yoruba
- The European Slave Trade (Portuguese, British, Dutch, French, Italian, Spanish, German, Swedish, etc.) and the New African Diaspora
- The African Presence in the Americas: Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, and the Caribbean
- Modes of Resistance to Enslavement
- African American Philosophy and Philosophers
- African Americans in the West
- African Americans and Progressive Politics
- The NAACP and the Anti-Lynching Movement
- The Harlem Renaissance and the Blues and Jazz Tradition
- Literary Contributions
- The Great Migration and Blacks in the West during the World War II Era
- African Americans React to Mass Incarceration
- Contemporary Immigration from the African World
- African Americans and the Military
- Approaches and Accomplishments of the Civil Rights and Black Power Movements
- Black Women Respond to Sexism/Racism/Patriarchal Discrimination
- Hip-Hop: The Movement and Culture
- The African American Influence on Sport and Entertainment
- African Americans in the City
- African American Food, Medicine, Healing, and Spirituality
- The Black LGBTQIA Experience

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- #BlackLivesMatter Responds to Police Brutality
 - African American Political Figures