

TEXAS HISTORY TOP TEN: African Americans

The Bullock Texas State History Museum's website is filled with artifacts, oral histories, highlights from curators, and interesting stories. The Texas History Top Ten tool is perfect if you only have a short amount of time, want a broad overview, or want to find hidden gems about a particular topic. Use this lists to help expand your content knowledge while planning classroom lessons for your students, or send your students on assignment to explore the Top Ten lists on their own.

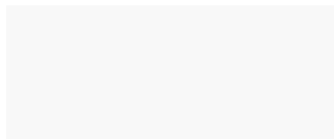
African Americans

Since the earliest days of colonization, people of African descent have created culture and community in the land now known as Texas. As Texans continue to work toward equality and justice, African Americans remain an integral part of the Texas story.

- 1. [Protest Photograph](#)**
Photographs of NAACP Youth Council picketing against segregation at the Texas State Fair, October 1955
- 2. [Oath of Office](#)**
Born enslaved, Richard Allen became one of the first African Americans to become a Texas state legislator and be nominated for a statewide office
- 3. [Hall of Fame ring](#)**
Ring awarded to D. Joe Williams, the first African American to integrate collegiate sports in Texas
- 4. [Shackles of enslaved Africans](#)**
Enslaved men, women, and children, brought from Africa to the Spanish Americas, were bound in painful, heavy shackles like these
- 5. [H. Wilson & Company Pottery](#)**
Wilson Pottery was the first African American owned business in Texas



Photograph of NAACP Youth Council picket line at Texas State Fair by R.C. Hickman, October 1955. Image courtesy Hickman (R.C.) Photographic Archive, The Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin



All Around Champion Cowgirl trophy saddle awarded to Kanesha Jackson, Bill Pickett

- 6. [Land Certificate](#)**
Land certificate of Sam McCulloch, a free African American who fought in the Texas Revolution
- 7. [Trophy saddle](#)**
A saddle awarded to Kanesha Jackson at the 2013 Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo. Includes a 9:30 minute video
- 8. [African American Campfire Story](#)**
Hover over the characters and select "African Americans" to see stories of how African Americans have created culture and community in Texas
- 9. [Chronology of African Americans in Texas](#)**
Select the "African Americans" icon on the timeline (unselect "Texas History Timeline") to trace the chronology of African Americans in Texas
- 10. [Freedom Colony story and video](#)**
"Discovering My Roots Down Home", a story and 5 minute video of Texas Freedom Colonies after the Civil War

Types of Resources

The Bullock Museum has a diversity of resources and voices to tell the many Stories of Texas. While using the Texas History Top Ten, explore a variety of tools:

Artifacts

Get an up-close look at the artifacts the Museum has displayed, and learn about their importance in Texas history. View the full Artifact Gallery [here](#).

Campfire Stories

Using the mosaic embedded in the Museum's floor, interact with Texans from the past gathered around a campfire to share their stories. Discover the people who shaped Texas. View the mosaic [here](#).

Special Exhibitions and Events

Explore some of the stories and artifacts from the Bullock Museum's past temporary exhibitions and special events focusing on unique aspects of Texas history. View all past special exhibitions [here](#).

Texas History Timeline

Use the interactive timeline tool to mix and match different events and stories to see how they line up in the chronology of Texas history. View the full timeline [here](#).

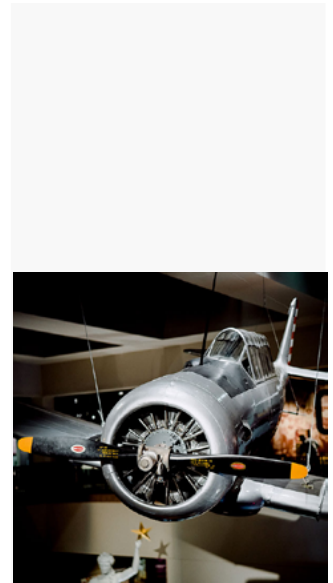
Texas Story Project

Read oral history stories submitted by diverse Texans about their connections to the past. The Texas Story Project is best for finding stories that you wouldn't find in textbooks, like family stories and Texas folklore, and are generally not written by professional historians. View the full Texas Story Project [here](#).

Assorted Resources

Watch videos or participate in an [interactive distance learning program](#).

New Top Ten lists will be added over time to round out the full scope of the Texas History curriculum, so keep returning to the [website](#) for updates. Looking for more resources on these topics beyond the Top Ten, or curious how other teachers have used what is found on these lists? Email.Education@TheStoryofTexas.com.



Discover the AT-6A "Texan" Airplane in the Artifact Gallery

