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Suggested Resources

Becoming US: https://americanhistory.si.edu/becoming-us/home
Becoming US is a new educational resource for high school teachers and students to learn immigration and migration history in a more accurate and inclusive way.

Center for Restorative History: https://americanhistory.si.edu/restorative-history
The *Center for Restorative History* (CRH) at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History spotlights people and stories that have been excluded from our national narrative using the principles of restorative justice.

Civics for All of US: National Archives Civics Initiative: civics.archives.gov
Civics for All of US is a new education initiative from the National Archives. Our mission is to build civic literacy and engagement by providing exemplary civic education resources and programs for all ages using the records of the U.S. Government. Includes student distance learning programs, student webinars and teacher workshops.

DocsTeach: www.docsteach.org
The online tool for teaching with documents from the National Archives. Over 12,000 primary sources and thousands of activities for educators and students.

Is Prison Necessary? Ruth Wilson Gilmore Might Change Your Mind:
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/17/magazine/prison-abolition-ruth-wilson-gilmore.html
New York Times Magazine article on Ruth Gilmore Wilson's three decades of advocating for prison abolition, and how it has helped transform how people think about criminal justice.

National Archives Comes Alive! Young Learners Program:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLugwVCjzrJsVx7WDO_BfslcGDWABPsTEw
This series of short programs connect young learners directly to history and the historical documents of the National Archives.

National Archives Equity Action Plan: https://www.archives.gov/about/plans-reports/equity
This action plan summarizes the near and long-term actions NARA will take to advance equity and expand opportunities for Americans in underserved communities.

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North Star: https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/digital-learning/north-star
The NMAAHC Digital Learning Initiative brings museum collections, historical thinking skills and the African American story to educators and students. Each digital activity, called a Learning Lab Collection, engages students with close looking at primary sources, comparing documents and synthesizing information to answer related historical questions.

Searchable Museum: https://www.searchablemuseum.com/
The Searchable Museum reaches beyond the walls of the museum to provide a rich digital experience that includes a multimedia presentation of NMAAHC's historical narratives, collections, and educational resources. Over a year in the making, the Searchable Museum initiative is one of the museum's largest digital undertakings, bringing the museum's evocative content and immersive in-person visitor experience into homes around the world. Currently, there are two exhibitions on the site - "Slavery and Freedom" and "Making a Way" - with more digital exhibitions to come.

Smithsonian Summer Sessions: https://www.edx.org/professional-certificate/smithsonianx-the-smithsonian-summer-sessions-teaching-with-museum-objects
Educators, discover how museum objects and inquiry-based strategies can enhance your students' learning across the curriculum! Enroll in this three-course series led by museum educators from across the Smithsonian Institution and gain new teaching tools you can immediately put to use in your classroom. Learn to use Harvard Project Zero thinking routines with museum objects to cultivate critical thinking, and practice curating digital resource collections using the Smithsonian Learning Lab.

Teachers of all subjects and grades are welcome to register in these courses. The program content will be most readily applicable to humanities teachers.

STEM Resources on the Smithsonian Learning Lab: https://learninglab.si.edu/org/nmaahc
Museum stories related to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) can be explored through digital activity collections.