The NHD at NMAAHC Gallery Topic List

**Triumph and Tragedy in History**

Use this list to help you find and explore topics for the National History Day 2018 – 2019 contest theme: *Triumph and Tragedy in History*. These topics are from the objects and stories in the galleries of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

**The History Galleries**

**Slavery and Freedom, 1400 – 1876**

1. The Making of the Atlantic World: Ahosu, King of Dahomey
2. Transatlantic Slave Trade: The Royal African Company and the Dutch West India Company
4. The Revolutionary War: The Ethiopian Regiment (Loyalist) and the Bucks of America (Patriot)
5. Paradox of Liberty: Elizabeth Freeman (Mum Bett)
7. The Civil War: Self-Emancipation and the Contraband Camps


8. The Jim Crow Era: The Atlanta Washerwoman’s Strike of 1881
10. The Great Migration: The Red Summer of 1919
11. The Great Migration: The Assault of Recy Taylor
12. The Modern Civil Rights Movement: The Bombing of the 16th Street Church
13. The Modern Civil Rights Movement: James Meredith’s March Against Fear (1966)

**A Changing America: 1968 and Beyond**

15. Events of ’68: The Black Power Movement and the “Black is Beautiful” Movement
16. Events of ’68: Martin Luther King Jr. and The Poor People's Campaign
18. The 1980s: Reginald F. Lewis, African American businessmen, and Wall Street
The Community Galleries

Making a Way Out of No Way

20. An Enterprising Spirit: Garrett Morgan and the Invention of the Gas Mask
22. A Tradition of Activism: Mary McLeod Bethune and the National Council of Negro Women
23. The Value of Education: Hope School (South Carolina) and the Rosenwald Schools

The Power of Place

25. Park Jam (Birth of Hip Hop) – Bronx, New York
26. Black Codes in the Old Northwest – Family, Farms and Land in Lyles Station, Indiana
27. Riot and Resilience in Tulsa, Oklahoma
29. Incarcerated Communities in Angola, The Louisiana State Penitentiary – Angola, Louisiana

Double Victory: The African American Military Experience

30. War of 1812: Cyrus Tiffany, African American Sailors, and the Battle of Lake Erie
31. The Civil War: The United States Colored Troops and the Civil War
32. Wars of Expansion and Indian Wars: The Buffalo Soldiers in the Indian Wars
33. Loss Over Time: Gold Star Mothers
34. Women in the Military: The 6888th Postal Battalion of the Second World War
35. The Korean War: Racial Integration and the Korean War

Sports: Leveling the Playing Field

36. Game Changers: African Americans, Horse Racing, and the Kentucky Derby (Black Jockeys)
37. Game Changers: Champion Bicyclist Mayor Taylor (Black Jockeys)
38. Game Changers: Jack Johnson and the Fight of the Century
39. Game Changers: Arthur Ashe and Tennis
40. Basketball: Title IX and the Women’s National Basketball Association
The Culture Galleries

Cultural Expressions

41. Style, Image, Identity: Ann Lowe and Fashion
42. Preaching Tradition: Mrs. Jarena Lee – Traveling Preacher
43. Language Power of Words: Articulating Equality – The Great Debaters
44. Artistry: Arthur Smith and the Midcentury Modernist Jewelry Movement
45. Foodways and Cuisine Culture: Hercules (enslaved chef) and George Washington

Musical Crossroads

46. Rock and Roll: Jimi Hendrix
47. Women in Hip Hop and Rap
48. Minstrel Shows and Musical Theater
49. Vaudeville, Sexuality and Gender: Gladys Bentley
50. African American Spirituals and Gospel Music

Taking the Stage

51. Theater: Political Roles – Paul Robeson
52. Theater: Harlem Dance Company – Creole Gisele
53. Cinema: Blaxploitation Films of the 1970s
54. T.V.: Changing the Channels: Race, Gender, Civil Rights, and Star Trek
55. Radio: Hattie McDaniel, Representation and The Beulah Show

Visual Art and the American Experience

56. Religion and Spirituality: Behold Thy Son – David Driskell
57. The Struggle of Freedom: Unite – Barbara Jones-Hogu
58. The Struggle of Freedom: On Guard – Claude Clark Sr.
59. African Connections: Haitian Street Scene – Aaron Dogulas
60. The World Around Us: Violets – Pauline Powell Burns
61. New Materials, New Worlds: After the Storm, CNN – Floyd Newsum