Facing History & Ourselves Resources for The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage
This Light of Ours Exhibit

Resources on the Jim Crow era and the impact of segregation

Short Teaching Film: Understanding Jim Crow

Reading: The Birthday Party: from *Outside the Magic Circle* White Southerner Virginia Foster Durr recalls how the customs of the Jim Crow South affected her seventh birthday party.

Reading: You Worked Long Hours Essie Favrot describes doing domestic work for several decades for southern white families.

Other primary source readings: Interviews with Black Southerners recounting life under Jim Crow.

Emmett Till: A Series of Four Lessons

Resources on the Civil Rights Movement and the struggle for voting rights

Unit: Civil Rights Historical Investigations
  See Unit 2: Nonviolence as a Tool for Change: The March for Voting Rights

Voting in the South before 1965: Primary Source links

On-demand webinar: Unsung Women of the Civil Rights Movement (includes discussion of Fanny Lou Hamer)
Film: Freedom on My Mind: Combining archival footage with contemporary interviews, this documentary tells the inspiring story of events surrounding the Mississippi Voter Registration Project of the early 1960s.

Resources and Lessons on Voting Rights in the U.S. today

What Makes Democracy Work?: Resources to help students consider the role of civic participation and access to voting in making our democracy thrive.

Resources for teaching about US elections (including an Explainer about free and fair elections)

Lesson: Voting Today: A New Generation of Young Voters Emerges

Lesson: Voting Rights in the U.S. Today: Three stories about issues with access to voting in the United States today.


Suffrage Matters: 7 Reads on Black Voting Rights and Activism

Video: One Person, One Vote, Why We Should Care: An interview with South African activist Albie Sachs about the importance of the vote.

Video: Dr. Carol Anderson on the Struggle for Racial Justice and Voting Rights

Interview with Dr. Carol Anderson on her book, One Person, No Vote

On-demand webinar: Whose Vote Counts? Discussion about the FRONTLINE PBS film Whose Vote Counts, which explores an issue critical to the 2020 election: access to voting. Features Dr. Jelani Cobb, June Cross, and Tom Jennings.