



## Blackness in America

There is no single Black American experience—there are as many stories and realities as there are people. Here are online resources to explore the multitude of experiences and perspectives of blackness in America.

### Listen

#### ***Code Switch: Race and Identity, Remixed from National Public Radio***

<http://www.npr.org/podcasts/510312/codeswitch>

Journalists of color from NPR discuss ethnicity, race, and culture as they interact with politics, media, pop culture, and everyday lives. Check out the second episode, “Made for You and Me” (<https://goo.gl/rt92Bg>), which explores historical and contemporary perspectives on people of color experiencing the outdoors.

### Read

#### ***Citizen: An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine**

"Marrying prose, poetry, and the visual image, *Citizen* investigates the ways in which racism pervades daily American social and cultural life, rendering certain of its citizens politically invisible." —National Book Award judges' citation

### Watch

#### ***The History of African-American Social Dance* by Camille A. Brown**

<https://goo.gl/pGdN6H>

Did you know that the “twist” dates back to the 1800s and was brought to America from the Congo? Check out this short video from TED Ed by Camille A. Brown, a choreographer and educator, and learn about popular social dances, their histories, and their significance in American culture.



## Explore

### ***The Black Joy Project on Instagram***

<https://www.instagram.com/theblackjoyproject/>

Afro-Latino activist and poet Kleaver Cruz created the Black Joy Project to create a space on social media for images depicting positivity and to counteract the emotional toll of doing racial justice work and facing discrimination.

### **National Museum of African American History and Culture**

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/>

Even if you can't get to the newest Smithsonian museum, you can explore its collections and exhibits through its website. Take an interactive virtual tour and examine various collections, including photo and video content.