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Resources on Civil Rights & Discrimination

Many students become interested in the topic of civil rights and discrimination while conducting on-line research about the topic of Black History month and Martin Luther King. Here are some resources you might find useful:

Martin Luther King, Jr. information – <http://www.king-raleigh.org> ; <http://www.mlkday.org>

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers project – <http://www.stanford.edu/group/King>

Information about how the holiday came to be –

<http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/mlk/holiday>

400 years of African American History broken down into 5 periods –

<http://search.eb.com/blackhistory>

Timeline & other information about African American history –

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhml.html>

Biographies of prominent African Americans – <http://www.biography.com/blackhistory>

Great information regarding African American history –

<http://www.time.com/time/reports/blackhistory>

Civil unrest information – <http://heroism.org>, then go to The Hero Chronicles, 1960, Civil unrest

Information on historical figures, etc. – <http://historychannel.com>

Can You Help?

Could you donate an hour or two of your time to help out at the Center this week? We could really use some help processing the S/I/T fair applications. We have to check the applications for completeness and type the project information into a database. We expect it to take about 30 hours and it has to be done by this Friday, January 16th. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. Just call the Center (353-7060) and tell us when you can come over.

Upcoming Deadlines

Science/Inventions/Technology Fair applications are due by January 15th. Applications are available in your building or by calling the Center.

MiniGrant Proposals are due January 30th. Applications are available from the Center or on the website – <http://www.nyackschools.com/ntc>

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Regents Review Live!

Would you like to show a Regents Review Live! program to your class? You can order tapes of last May's programs from HAVE Incorporated. Tapes are \$19.95 plus shipping and handling. Order by telephone at 1-800-997-2972.

If you have students who will be taking the Regents mid-year, you might also want to tell them that the Regents Review Live! Programs are being made available by streaming video, courtesy of WNYE-TV. (To view the streamed programs they'll need the real player plug-in for their web browser.)

Students can go to <http://wnye.org/vl/section1/regents.asp>. There, in addition to the May 2003 programs, they will find all of the programs offered over the past four years in Spanish, French, English, Italian, Sequential Math 3, Math A, Math B, Physical Setting/Earth Science, The Living Environment, Physical Setting/Physics, Global History & Geography, Physical Setting/Chemistry and US History & Government.

These programs are produced by the New York Network, a service of the State University of New York, in collaboration with the Teacher Centers of New York State.

FREE Resource on NCLB

The *No Child Left Behind Toolkit for Teachers* is designed to provide teachers with valuable information about the NCLB Act. The publication includes an overview of the law's "highly qualified" teacher provisions as well as useful information about other aspects of the law. The kit also includes a list of questions that are frequently asked by teachers, resources and support for teachers, and a list of useful publications.

Go to www.edpubs.org and click on the "Top Ten Publications" (on the left). You can download the materials as a PDF file or order copies of the booklet. You'll find many other publications here, available for free – paid for by your tax dollars!

Preparing Your Students for New York State Exams, Grades 4 - 12

Check out these sites:

www.edsolution.com - A great site for Regents Exam Preparation in different subjects. It has online practice tests, an online forum, reference area, teacher guides, lesson plans and more.

www.studyzone.org - This site, sponsored by the Oswego City School District provides test prep materials for the Elementary, Intermediate and Regents level exams. The site provides lessons, practice activities, teacher resources, and sometimes literature tie-ins.

Best Wishes for a happy and healthy 2004!