

A topic I'm curious about is, why is black history not a part of the history curriculum (more to the meaning). In a world history textbook you'll never find information of African Americans/blacks unless it dealt with slavery or the renaissance. Well what happened to the time blacks freed themselves and claimed back the Caribbean? Or when blacks owned white slaves? Or even the way of life for those that escaped through the underground railroad. I don't exactly have a narrowed down topic to say however I do know the route of which I can write.

Know: In every school system (public, private, charter and etc) black history isn't spoken about or rarely taught unless it's black history month. It's very hard to find information in textbooks and from teachers themselves because they don't know and some never cared to find out more. When these textbooks were written it was only meant to shine light on the fancy, wealthy white men. Some places where black history can be found is through expensive books, black teachers and some courses in college.

Want to know:

- In world history why aren't there chapters on the Caribbean and African and the natives' way of life before foreigners invaded?
- In chapters on slavery why are books usually written from one view point?
- Why aren't African American history/ culture classes offered in the education system?

Learned: In my reading I find that no one could really give me a straight answer to my question however, I did notice from a statement by a teacher that in teaching a history course some teachers try not to divide race but, just teach the a broader topic so for instance instead of talking about blacks way of life after slavery they usually teach about the economy growth after the civil war. (I do feel like I may have to rethink my topic or change my topic's meaning because not many sources support my claim).

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