


African Americans are citizens of the United States with ancestors who came from Africa. Their forefathers were brought to American colonies as slaves in the 17th and 18th centuries. About 40 million African Americans, 13% of the total population, live in the USA today. Their forefathers were brought to American colonies as slaves in the 17th and 18th centuries. About 40 million African Americans, 13% of the total population, live in the USA today. In the past African Americans have been known by many names. They were called Negores, Blacks and Coloureds. In the last 30 years the term African Americans has officially been used. About half of them live in the southern states of the USA, the rest in large cities of the East, Midwest and West. Slavery. Jesse Gant. Graduate Student, University of Wisconsin Madison. Madison, Wisconsin182 connections. Join to Connect. My research interests are in the political, social, and cultural history of the nineteenth century United States and United States West, with particular emphasis in the coming of the American Civil War and African American history. My current research is on the American antislavery movement, and has been supported by a yearlong pre-doctoral fellowship from the Smithsonian. Specialties: History of American race relations; Gender and Women's Studies; Public History; History of American Sports; History of the American West; Theories of memory, remembrance, and narrative; Politics and Political Parties. Experience. Future of the African American Past Video Resources. Digital History Resources. Resources for Getting Started in Digital History. This brief official statement marks the closing of a great historic movement. Up to our own day American history has been in a large degree the history of the colonization of the Great West. The existence of an area of free land, its continuous recession, and the advance of American settlement westward, explain American development. Behind institutions, behind constitutional forms and modifications, lie the vital forces that call these organs into life and shape them to meet changing conditions.