



National History Day 2015-2016 Theme: Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History
Suggested Topics
Supported by Original Documents held at the National Archives at Atlanta

- Encounters in the Classroom: School Integration in the South
- Briggs v. Elliott's Role in Brown v. Board: Encounter to End Jim Crow in Public Education
- The Wagner Act and the National Labor Relation Board: An Encounter and Exchange between Labor, Management, and Government
- The Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk: Explorations in Flight
- Encounter and Exchange off the Atlantic Coast: The Hunt for Nazi U-Boats
- Executive Order 8802: Encounters with Discrimination in WWII War Industries
- March on Selma: Encounters and Exchanges between Civil Rights and Southern Law
- James Meredith and the Integration of the University of Mississippi: Encounters and Exchange in the Fight for Higher Education
- Civil Rights in the Reconstruction South: Encounters and Exchanges between the Newly Freed and the Former Masters
- The Rights of Free Speech and Assembly: Fred Shuttlesworth v. "Bull" Conner
- Encounters with Libel: Annie Oakley Sues the Press
- The Lynching of Leo Frank: A Jewish Man Encounters the Racially Segregated South
- The Civil Rights Act of 1875, Robinson v. the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, and an Encounter with the End of an Era
- Encounters with an Axe Handle: Lester Maddox and His Fight Against Desegregating His Restaurant
- The African Slave Trade and the Federal Courts: The Peculiar Institution Encounters Federal Law
- The Barque Azor and Passage to Africa: The Explorations, Encounters and Exchanges of the Liberian Exodus Association
- Encounters and Exchanges with German Engineers: Project Paperclip and Space Exploration
- Spiders, Skylab, and Students: Encounters and Exchanges with Student Experiment Proposals
- Encounter with Disaster: The Challenger Accident
- Exploration with Uranium Enrichment: East Tennessee Encounters the Nuclear Age
- Encounters with Progress: The Population Removal to Build the TVA Dams
- The TVA and the Snail Darter: Encounters with Species Preservation
- Encounters with Modernization: The South Home Front during World War II
- Cold War Encounters Space Exploration

- The Exploration of Nuclear Reactor Development: Encounters and Exchanges with the New Science of Nuclear Research
- The Nuclear Age Encounters Jim Crow: The Development of Oak Ridge, Tennessee in the Segregated South
- Thurgood Marshall and J. Waties Waring: Encounters and Exchanges between Attorney and Judge
- Eminent Domain: Encounters between Land Owners and the Federal Government
- Taming the Father of Waters: The Mississippi River Encounters the Army Corps of Engineers
- Letters from the World War II Battlefield: Exchanges between Soldiers and their Former Employers
- Emancipated Soldiers: The Union Army Encounters the Enlistment of African American Troops
- U.S. Marshalls: Encounters and Exchanges of Federal Law Enforcement during the Civil Rights Era
- Women on the World War II Home Front: Encounters and Exchanges in the Work Place
- Privateers in the War of 1812: Encounters and Exchanges on the High Seas
- Lend Lease, TVA, and the USSR: Encounters and Exchanges between Future Enemies
- The Tuskegee Experiment: A Rural Alabama Community Encounters the Public Health Service
- NASA's Manned Space Flight Programs: The Explorations, Encounters, and Exchanges of the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo Missions
- Browder v. Gayle: Four Montgomery Women Encounter Bus Segregation

For other possible topic ideas, go to
<http://www.archives.gov/atlanta/finding-aids.html>
 to find a complete listing of record groups, finding aids, and microfilm held at the
 National Archives at Atlanta

For more information or questions about these suggested topics
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