

Suggested News Stories for Submissions to the DC Public Library exhibition, “Freedom and Resistance: Through the Eyes of D.C. Youth”

Directions: Explore at least one of the suggested texts, videos, or photo news stories below. Note your key takeaways and share those takeaways when you [submit your final artwork\(s\) and artist statement\(s\)](#).

Building Context: Freedom and Resistance by Black Americans throughout U.S. history		
Story	Media	Publication
“Why you should know about the year 1619:” One-page resource from <i>The New York Times</i> with underreported dates and facts from U.S. history	Photo, Short text	The New York Times
Excerpt from “The Idea of America” by Nikole Hannah Jones: Two-page excerpt from the first essay from <i>The 1619 Project</i> that outlines an overview of resistance by Black Americans in response to discriminatory policies and violence throughout history	Text	The New York Times

Visual art, photography and poetry exploring themes of freedom and resistance		
Story	Media	Publication
“Hope” by Djeneba Aduayom and Nikole Hannah-Jones: A photo essay featuring four Howard University Law School graduates that are descendants of Black people who were enslaved in the United States.	Text, Graphic	The New York Times
The 1619 Project Broadsheet: Images of objects from National Museum of African American History and Culture, with commentary from curator Mary Elliott, that tell underreported stories centering the experience of Black Americans throughout U.S. history	Text	The New York Times
Literary timeline of images and poems from The 1619 Project: 16 moments in U.S. history are explored through a visual art piece and either a story or poem.	Graphics, short texts	The New York Times

National News Stories about Freedom and Resistance by Black Americans Today		
Story	Media	Publication
“The Soil Farmers: Black Food Sovereignty and Climate Solutions” by Justin Cook: A photo project documenting how Princeville, North Carolina—the oldest town in	Photo, Text, Video	NC Newsline

America founded by formerly enslaved Black people—is exploring natural solutions to climate change in eastern North Carolina.		
“ Across the South, Black Workers Defy Labor History ” by Herbert White: A news article exploring the role of doulas in combating maternal healthcare disparities for Black women in the U.S.	Photo, Text	The Charlotte Post
“ In Her Zip Code: A Doula’s Mission to Uplift Brooklyn’s Underserved Mothers ” by Melina Torres: A news article exploring the role of doulas in combating maternal healthcare disparities for Black women in the U.S.	Photo, Text	Pulitzer Center
“ A Black Trans Community’s Pursuit of Education ” by Te Shima Brennan and Rajvi Desai: A short film about one Black trans community in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.	Photo, Text, Video	Pulitzer Center
“ Afropunk Brings the ‘Black Lives Matter’ Ethos Abroad ” by Melissa Bunni Elian: A photo series about the globalization of Afropunk music and art festivals.	Photo, Text	NPR

D.C. Stories of Freedom and Resistance

Story	Media	Publication
“ Maryland Governor Grants Posthumous Pardons To 34 Black Lynching Victims ” by Eric McDaniel: A news article about the advocacy that led to the posthumous pardons thirty-four Black men and boys who were lynched in Maryland between 1854 and 1933.	Photo, Text	NPR
“ Alethia Tanner and the Long History of Black Street Vendors in DC ” by Héctor Alejandro Arzate: A news article about the ancestors of Alethia Tanner and their efforts to document the histories of Black D.C. vendors.	Photo, Text	DCist
“ Confederate statue toppled during Black Lives Matter protests will be reinstated ” by Jennifer Vanasco: A news article about efforts to reinstall a statue of a confederate general in the U.S. capital after demonstrators toppled it in 2020.	Text	The New York Times

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