

# AUDACITY AND IMAGINATION: BLACK HISTORY MONTH RESOURCES FOR MANITOBA EDUCATORS

There are a wide variety of resources available to help educators bring Black History Month to life. Here are just a few of many that highlight the history, struggle, and power of being Black in Canada.

# **Black Life: Untold Stories**

Black Life: Untold Stories is an eight-part documentary series that reframes the rich and complex histories of Black experiences in Canada. The *trailer* provides an excellent overview of the series' content. Find the full list of episodes *here*.

# **Being Black on the Prairies**

The history of Black Canadians in central Canada was chronicled by the CBC in its series 'Being Black on the Prairies'.

There are also many excellent resources that cover the contributions and trailblazing innovations of Black Canadians in a wide variety of fields, including politics, sport and the arts. Here are just a few:

## **Music**

• 10 Defining Moments in Canadian Music History by Black Artists

## **Canadian Politics**

 Documenting the experiences of Black Canadians in politics to achieve more diverse and inclusive elected institutions

## Books

• Check out these children's and young adult books by Black Canadian authors

#### Science

- Meet seven groundbreaking Black scientists
- Highlighting Black Canadians who have contributed to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)

## Art

• Black Canadian artists whose names we should know

## Sport

• Through the present-day journey of a gifted young hockey player, Ice Breakers uncovers the buried history of how Black athletes helped pioneer modern hockey

## **Facing Forward**

 From writer/director R.T. Thorne to the president of the Toronto Raptors Masai Ujiri. Black Canadians are making history today and every day

Many Black Canadians also face additional struggles as a result of intersectionality – how their race, gender, class, and other identities interact.

- The histories and struggles of Queer Black communities and their contributions are frequently erased and missing from the mainstream narratives
- Misogynoir is a term coined by Dr. Moya Bailey to describe the distinctive form of anti-Black sexism faced by Black women. As limited as race-based data collection in Canada is, the evidence is stunning.

# What are we missing?

Do you know of a great resource that you'd like to share with colleagues across the province? Email *coms@mbteach.org*.