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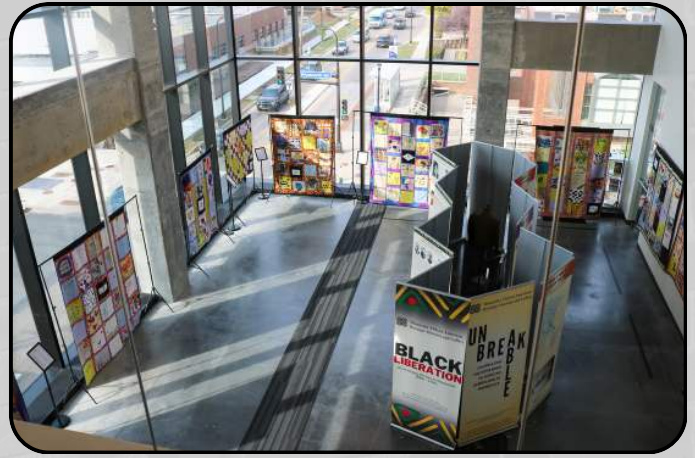
MORE TO EXPLORE

This month marks the end of our first year of Sankofa at Home!

We hope you've been able to use this series to visit sites around Minnesota and gain a better understanding of the ways race and racism have shaped our state.

We're preparing to take a break from regular Sankofa at Home production. This will give us some time to complete more research for future articles and give those of you following along in real time a chance to catch up on any sites you haven't had the chance to visit!

Even though we'll be off for several months, there are plenty of ways to continue the Sankofa @ Home journey! Here are some things you can do to continue exploring the history of race and racism in Minnesota:



MAAHMG Gallery Space, North Minneapolis



Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial, Duluth



Reconciliation Park, Mankato

Read about Minnesotans from history

Individual Minnesotans have shaped our history and fought for civil rights since before the birth of our state! Get an introduction to some of the most influential individuals and groups from Minnesota's African American, Native American, and immigrant communities with the Minnesota Historical Society's online encyclopedia, MNOpedia!* You can also learn more about some of these individuals, like Nellie Francis and Fredrick L. McGhee, by reading their biographies.

**MNOpedia is also a great resource to learn about more events and locations from Minnesota's history!*



Frank Boyd Park in St. Paul bears the name of an early 20th century leader in the African American community who helped bring a chapter of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Union to St. Paul.

Visit a historical marker

Historical markers around Minnesota recognize the locations of numerous events from the history of our state. A list of more than 2,000 such markers spread across Minnesota can be found at the Historical Marker Database. Check out the list to find markers near you!



The Spiral for Justice on the Minnesota State Capitol Mall honors Roy Wilkins. The civil rights leader and former head of the NAACP grew up in St. Paul's Rondo neighborhood and attended the University of Minnesota.

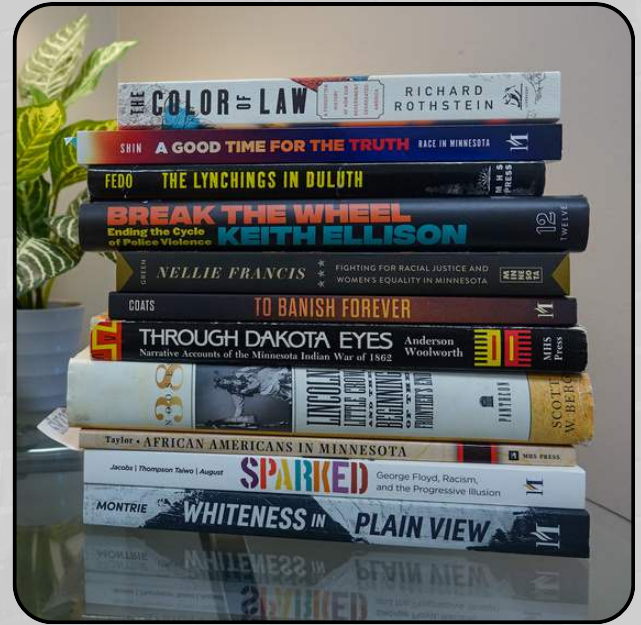
Read a book from a previous resource list

Each Sankofa @ Home article includes a resource list with books, articles, and videos for you to explore! These resources cover information about the places, events, or content discussed in each article. The majority of the videos and articles are free to view online, and many of the books can be found at your local library!

Looking for more reading options? [Minnesota Historical Society Press](#) and [The University of Minnesota Press](#) are two great places to start!

Visit a previous Sankofa @ Home site...

Have you had the chance to visit any of the previous Sankofa @ Home sites? Now's your chance! With sites around the state, Sankofa @ Home offers plenty of places to explore. Even if you have already made a visit, revisiting a site can offer new insights, and some of the locations have rotating exhibits which give you the chance to learn and experience even more! Visit a site and tag us on social media to let us know what you found!



This is just a small selection of books you could explore related to our past Sankofa @ Home sites! Can you spot the books that are making their first appearance in this series?



Current sites range from Mankato to Duluth, with even more in store for the future!

...or check out a site that's not on the list!

The history of race is woven throughout the history of our country and our state. Places around Minnesota carry names of people from our past or tell the story of history in different ways.

Additionally, historical sites or museums that don't specifically focus on this history may still include insights into it! Paying attention to the ways race and culture are discussed in any context will give you more information about the ways they influence thought, action, and our current society. Check out the [Minnesota Historical Society](#) or the [Minnesota History Alliance](#) for ideas!

Tell us about more sites!

Do you know about a site in Minnesota that has yet to be discussed? Fill out [this form](#) on our website to let us know about it, and it may be featured in a future Sankofa @ Home post!



Bungo Township in Cass County is named for George Bonga. Born around 1802, Bonga the first known Black man to be born in present-day Minnesota.



The playground structure at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park in Minneapolis' Kingfield neighborhood introduces new generations to the work of Dr. King and other local civil rights leaders with informational placards and interactive playground equipment.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

As you reflect on this year of Sankofa at Home:

- What's been new to you?
- What are some of the feelings you've experienced visiting the Sankofa @ Home sites?
- Has what you've learned altered your understanding of present-day Minnesota? How so?
- Which resources have you found to be impactful? How have they expanded your knowledge?
- What would you share about Sankofa @ Home with someone new to the series?
- What site, person, or piece of history would you like to know more about?
- How do the stories of race and racism we find in Minnesota connect with stories from around the country?
- Is it important for Christians specifically to visit these sites and understand this history? Why?
- How is the practice of Sankofa connected to Christian life?

History can be right outside your front door! The Acton State Monument (left) and the Wood Lake Battlefield Monument (right), marking the locations of incidents from the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, can both be found in front yards in central Minnesota.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Historical Markers and War Memorials in Minnesota

Historical Marker Database

Black History | Black Voices

Minnesota Historical Society

MNOpedia

MNOpedia

Minnesota History Center

Minnesota Historical Society

Member Organizations

Minnesota History Alliance

MNHS Press Categories:

Black Culture

MNHS Press

MNHS Press Categories:

Indigenous Studies

MNHS Press

MNHS Press Categories:

Immigration & Ethnic Studies

MNHS Press

Minnesota and the Upper Midwest

University of Minnesota Press

Capitol Area Memorials & Monuments

Capitol Area Architectural and
Planning Board

Frank Boyd Park

St. Paul Historical

Boyd Park

Ramsey Hill Association

Who was George Bonga?

Minnesota DNR



The Minnesota History Center hosts a variety of featured exhibits, currently including Reframing Our Stories and Our Home: Native Minnesota. The museum also hosts travelling exhibits, including the recent display of Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow from the New York Historical Society.



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