

## Online Education Resources

<http://www.nasm.si.edu/blackwings/hstudent/index.cfm>

### The Black Wings Story

**Black Wings** tells the story of how one group of Americans overcame enormous obstacles to break into aviation. African Americans shared the universal dream of flight. But for almost 50 years after the Wright brothers' historic flight in 1903, racial discrimination denied black Americans access to this important sphere of technology.

This online exhibit is about the early black pioneers of aviation who learned to fly despite all these formidable obstacles.

To read more about the Black Wings story, visit the four chronological sections below.

[1: Early Pioneers Inspire Blacks to Become Pilots](#)

[2: Training Prepares Black Pilots for War](#)

[3: Tuskegee Airmen Fight in World War II](#)

[4: The Quest for Equal Opportunity](#)

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### Classroom Activities

Teachers, choose from these three lessons:

**Activity 1:** [Create a Biography of an African American Pioneer in Aviation](#) (grades 5-12)

**Activity 2:** [Black Wings Winners: A WebQuest for Students](#) (grades 5-12)

**Activity 3:** [Overcoming Obstacles-How People Cause Social Change](#)

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The National Air and Space Museum's web site offers the teacher guide *African American Pioneers in Aviation: 1920-Present* as well as free teacher resource materials, online activities for

students, and information about school tours.

<http://www.obap.org>

Organization of Black Airline Pilots (OBAP)

Information about OBAP's goals and programs, and useful links.

<http://www.allstar.fiu.edu/>

NASA's Aeronautics Learning Laboratory for Science Technology and Research (ALLSTAR).

"Encouraging all students, especially minority students, to study and pursue the Aeronautics discipline." Presents a detailed teacher resource guide with lessons on aeronautical history, principles, and careers.

<http://www.allstar.fiu.edu/prime-tech/BIA/NARA.htm>

The ALLSTAR Learning Laboratory offers a small collections of pictures of blacks in aviation from the National Archives and Records Administration.

<http://www.aero-space.nasa.gov/edu/links.htm>

NASA Online Resources for Educators.

<http://www.tuskegeeairmen.org>

The Tuskegee Airmen International site offers a history of the Tuskegee experience and photographs of the planes the airmen flew. It also lists local chapters of the organization.

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/exhibits/tuskegee>

The National Park Service site provides historical information on individual Tuskegee Airmen, an overview of the program, and information on this new Park Service site at Tuskegee Institute that will commemorate the airmen's experience.

<http://raahistory.com>

The Real African American Heroes site offers information on astronauts and other aviators.

<http://www.afroam.org/history/tusk/tuskmain.html>

The AFRO-America's Black History Museum site has a section entitled "The Tuskegee Airmen: The Sky Was the Limit" which includes information on African American war correspondents in World War II and on Tuskegee and other African American.

[http://www.pbs.org/blackpress/news\\_bios/courier.html](http://www.pbs.org/blackpress/news_bios/courier.html)

Visit the PBS web site "The Black Press: Soldiers Without Swords" to explore the history of four newspapers and to learn about the men and women who helped shape the history of the black press. This site also contains "Double V" information.