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## Summary

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American soldiers  
African Americans -- Crimes against  
African Americans -- Economic conditions  
African Americans -- Education  
African Americans -- Education (Higher)  
African Americans -- Employment  
African Americans -- Health and hygiene  
African Americans -- Housing  
African Americans -- Medical care  
African Americans -- Politics and government  
African Americans -- Social conditions  
African Americans -- Suffrage  
African Americans -- Vocational education -- Alabama  
African Americans in art  
African Americans in literature  
African Americans in mass media  
Crime and race -- African Americans  
Housing -- United States

### **Geographic Names**

Southern States -- Social conditions

### **Names**

Bell, Derrick, 1930-2011  
Carson, Clayborne, 1944-  
Gates, Henry Louis, Jr.  
Jackson, Henry F.

Jaynes, Gerald David  
Malveaux, Julianne  
Powell, Richard J., 1953-  
Williams, Robin Murphy  
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