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- African American soldiers
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- 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.