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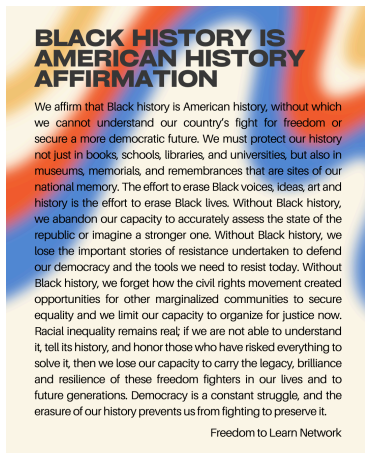
5 Ways to Show Up and Show Out for Black History!

1. Show up for Black History on May 3rd

Even if you live far from Washington, DC, you can still show up for Black History and the Freedom to Learn on Saturday, May 3rd! [Download Freedom to Learn #HandsOffOurHistory posters](#) or create your own to bring along with your child(ren) or a friend to visit your city's [Black History museum](#) or your local library's Black History section. Take a selfie on location and post it with **#HandsOffOurHistory**.



2. Sign the [Black History is American History Affirmation](#)



3. Take the Uncovering Black History Challenge

- 1) Identify locations in your community where Black history has been erased, minimized, or largely forgotten. There is no shortage of such spaces throughout the nation: from Black neighborhoods bulldozed to make way for highway construction in the name of urban renewal to locations where enslavement, segregation, or racial violence played out upon the bodies of Black people.
- 2) Create a 30-second short video about how that location demonstrates why **Black History is American History** and post on social media. (You can also gather with family, friends, community members and post images of those gatherings.)
- 3) Use the hashtag #HandsOffOurHistory when you post on your social media platform. Top 10 submissions to info@freedomtolearn.net will receive an AAPF “I Take My History Black” tote bag.



4. Urge Young People to Sign up for a free, digital Books Unbanned Library Card through our F2L partner [Brooklyn Public Library](#) to access [Black Studies](#), [Black History](#), and [Black Literature](#) books in defiance of the censorship of Black knowledge. Post that you did using #HandsOffOurHistory.



5. Write a Letter to the Editor of your local newspaper using this [digital tool and template](#) developed with F2L partner EveryLibrary to keep #HandsOffOur History resistance in the news cycle.

