

Taking a Stand in History
2017 NHD Theme
Tennessee History Topics

Civil Rights/Race Relations

Freemen's Bureau in Tennessee: Taking a Stand in Civil Rights
The Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee: Taking a Stand in Civil Rights
Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial University's Freedom Riders
The Clinton Twelve: Desegregating Tennessee's Schools
Myles Horton and the Highlander School
The Memphis Massacre of 1866
The Knoxville Riot of 1919
The Ku Klux Klan
The Fort Pillow Massacre of 1864
Memphis Sanitation Strike
Tent City: The Civil Rights Struggle in Fayette County, Tennessee
The Nashville Sit-Ins
Columbia Race Riot of 1946
Manumission Society of Tennessee and the Anti-Slavery Reform Movement

Education

The General Education Bill of 1909 in Tennessee: Establishing "Normal" Training for Teachers
The Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee: Taking a Stand in Education
The Scopes Trial
Fletcher Dresslar, George Peabody College for Teachers, and Rural School Reform
Settlement Schools in Tennessee
Kelly v. Board of Education: The Desegregation of Nashville Schools
Peabody Education Fund: Teacher Training Schools in Tennessee

Entertainment/The Arts/Culture

Minnie Pearl: The Invention and Marketing of an Image
Dolly Parton: The Invention and Marketing of an Image
The Ryman Auditorium: Taking a Stand in Historic Preservation
The Ryman: From Tabernacle to Auditorium
See Rock City: Tourism in Southeast Tennessee
From Front Porch to the Recording Studio: The Carter Family
The Bristol Sessions: The Birthplace of Country Music
The Bristol Sessions: Turning Music into a Commodity
Sun Record Company: Where Rock and Roll was Born
WSM: Radio and the Marketing of Southern Traditional Music
Elvis Presley: Hips that Shook Music
Moonshine: The Fuel of NASCAR

Environment

Reelfoot Lake: The New Madrid Earthquakes of 1811-1812
Reelfoot Lake: When the Mississippi River Turned on Itself
Reelfoot Lake: The Night Riders of 1908
Halting Progress or Preserving Nature?: The Snail Darter and the Endangered Species Act
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Yellow Fever Epidemic in Memphis
Strip Mining and Mountain Top Removal
Jim Thompson: Knoxville Photographer and the Creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Infrastructure

Cumberland Homesteads: New Deal Subsistence Community
The Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933: The New Deal in Tennessee
The Army Corps of Engineers: Public Works in Tennessee

Military

Alvin C. York
Creating the Volunteers: Tennesseans in the War of 1812
The Tennessee Maneuvers: Turning Middle Tennessee into Germany
Camp Crossville: German and Italian Prisoners of War on the Cumberland Plateau
The Chattanooga Campaign: The Union Wins Tennessee
John Sevier and the Battle of Kings Mountain

Native Americans

Revolutionary War
Fort Mims and the Creek War
Nickajack Expedition: Conflict in the Cumberland Settlements
Dragging Canoe and Chickamauga: The Treaty of Sycamore Shoals
Indian Removal Act of 1830
Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga
The Treaty of New Echota: Taking a Stand in Native American-Anglo Relations
Attakullakulla, the Overhill Cherokees, and Colonial Governments
Fort Loudon

Politics and Reform Movements

Tennessee's War of the Roses: Robert Love Taylor and Alfred A. Taylor

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The Gorgeous Hussy: Andrew Jackson and the Defense of Peggy Eaton

The Greeneville Convention of 1861: Unionist Trapped in a Secessionist State

The Dangerous State of Franklin

The Trail of Tears

Andrew Johnson: Reconstruction in Tennessee

Succeeding from the Confederacy: Unionist Sympathies in East Tennessee

Elihu Embree, the *Emancipator*, and Abolition in Tennessee

Andrew Johnson and Emancipation in Tennessee

Prison Reform in Tennessee

Postmaster General Cave Johnson and Postal Reform

Lide Smith Meriwether and W.C.T.U.

William Carroll and Prison Reform

The Election of 1844 and the Mexican-American War

The Election of 1844: Westward Expansion

President James K. Polk, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hildalgo, and the Coming of the Civil War

Coal Creek War

The Elizabethton Textile Mill Strike

The Harriman Hosiery Mills Strike

The Perfect 36: Votes for Women

Protestants and the Fight for Temperance: Founding of the American Temperance Society

Andrew Jackson's Stand Against the Bank

Preservation

The Ladies' Hermitage Association: Taking a Stand in Historic Preservation

The Works Progress Administration and Fort Negley

Protecting the Environment: The Establishment of the National Park Service

Religion

Camp Meetings

Cumberland Presbyterians

William Jennings Bryan: Standing Against Evolution

Transportation

The Dixie Highway System: The National Auto Trail System

The Memphis-Nashville-Bristol Highway: Tennessee's First State Road

The Avery Trace: The Road to Nashville

The Steamboat Age in Tennessee

The Trace: Nashville to Natchez

R.H. Boyd and Union Transport Company

Research

The Manhattan Project: "The Public in the Dark"

People

Andrew Jackson

Nancy Ward

James K. Polk

Sequoyah

Morris Frank

David Crockett: "You Can All Go to Hell; I'm Going to Texas"

Sam Houston

Cordell Hull

Admiral David Farragut

Commander William R. Anderson and the USS *Nautilus*

Charles S. Johnson

Kelly Miller Smith

James Lawson

Z. Alexander Looby

Diane Nash

Cornelia Fort – One of the first female aviators of World War II

Roy Acuff – baseball player turned fiddler/Grand Ole Opry

Richard Boyd – Former slave who started the National Baptist

Publishing Board

Parson Brownlow – Tennessee Unionist and Governor of the state

Hattie Caraway – First woman elected to the US Senate

Robert Church – Born a slave and became South's first African

American millionaire (Memphis)

Mayor E.W. Crump of Memphis – Powerful political machine boss

James Davis (Overton Co.) – first American to die in Vietnam War

Sam Davis – Boy Hero of the Confederacy

Anne Dudley – Prominent suffragette in Nashville

Morris Frank – First seeing blind eye dog school

W.C. Handy - King of the Blues

Casey Jones – Railroad engineer (Jackson, TN)

Vice Admiral William Lawrence – POW in North Vietnam

Jack Massey – Business owner – Kentucky Fried Chicken

Matthew Fontaine Maury – Oceanographer and explorer in 1800's

Samuel McElwee – Important African American Tennessee

legislator during Reconstruction Era

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Grace Moore – The Tennessee Nightingale - world famous opera star from Jellico, TN

Mary Murfree – (Murfreesboro) Female author in 1800's who wrote under male pseudonym Charles Egbert Craddock

James Napier – African American civil rights advocate in late 1800's who went on to work in the federal government

Austin Peay – Reforming Tennessee Governor

Chief John Ross – Cherokee Leader During Trail of Tears

Carl Rowan – pioneering African American journalist

Wilma Rudolph – Prominent female and African American athlete

Clarence Saunders – Founder of Piggly Wiggly

Bessie Smith – Empress of the Blues

Pat Summitt – Great female head coach – Lady Vols

Perry Wallace – Pioneering African American college athlete

Ida Wells Barnett – Critic of lynching and early civil rights advocate

Thomas Sharp Spencer (Bigfoot Spencer)

Timothy Demonbreun – French trapper, Tennessee pioneer and Revolutionary War officer

Events

Scopes Trial

TVA Act

Manhattan Project

Tennessee Secession

Nineteenth Amendment Ratification

Creek War

The Indian Removal Act of 1830: The Trail of Tears

Battle of King's Mountain

Hernando de Soto Expedition

Utopia

Thomas Hughes and Ruby, Tennessee

Myles Horton and the Highlander Center

Frances Wright and Nashoba, Tennessee