

## Lesson 1: Overview of Black Philadelphia history from 1780-1838

### Moments in the Black Philadelphia Antebellum Timeline

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time Period Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>What happened during this moment in time?</b>	
<b>Who was involved, and what were their roles?</b>	
<b>What theme(s) does this moment reflect?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Community Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Labor <input type="checkbox"/> Activism <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
<b>Why does this moment matter?</b>	
<b>What new questions do you have about this moment?</b>	
<b>Citations or Source Notes (include timeline entries or additional resources):</b>	



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Group	Moment in Time	Additional Resources
1	<a href="#">1776 - Enslavement and Emancipation</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Philadelphia Manumissions Book</a>- a list of names of people of African descent manumitted or legally freed from enslavers.</li> <li>• Turner, E. R. (1911). <a href="#">The Negro in Pennsylvania: Slavery--servitude--freedom, 1639-1861</a>. American Historical Association.</li> </ul>
2	<a href="#">1766 - Founder James Forten</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forten, J. (1836). <a href="#">An Address Delivered Before the Ladies' Anti-slavery Society of Philadelphia, on the Evening of the 14th of April, 1836 (Vol. 30, No. 2)</a>. Merrihew and Gunn.</li> <li>• Winch, J. (Fall 2024). James Forten, Sailmaker. In C. Berkin (Ed.), <i>Black Entrepreneurship in America</i>. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. <a href="https://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-resources/essays/james-forten-sailmaker">https://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-resources/essays/james-forten-sailmaker</a></li> </ul>
3	<a href="#">1770 - The Rise of Education for Black Children: Anthony Benezet</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kammerer, E. (2017). <a href="#">Uplift in schools and the church: Abolitionist approaches to free Black education in early national Philadelphia</a>. <i>Historical Social Research</i>, 42(1), 299-319.</li> </ul>
4	<a href="#">1789 - The Rise of Black Political Organization: The Free African Society</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preamble of the Free African Society (1787). In W. Douglass (Ed.), <a href="#">Annals of the first African church, in the United States of America: now styled the African Episcopal church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia, in its connection with the early struggles of the colored people to improve their condition, with the co-operation of the Friends, and other philanthropists; partly derived from the minutes of a beneficial society, established by Absalom Jones, Richard Allen and others, in 1787, and partly from the minutes of the aforesaid church</a>. King &amp; Baird, Printers.</li> </ul>
5	<a href="#">1789 - The Rise of Legal Opposition to Enslavement: The Pennsylvania Abolition Society</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newman, R. S. (2002). <a href="#">The PAS and American abolitionism: A century of activism from the American revolutionary era to the civil war</a>. <i>Historical Society of Pennsylvania</i>.</li> </ul>
6	<a href="#">1790 - The Rise of Black Social Organization: Congo Square and The First Black Burial Ground</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petition for burial ground. (1782). In W. Douglass (Ed.), <a href="#">Annals of the first African church, in the United States of America: now styled the African Episcopal church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia, in its connection with the early struggles of the colored people to improve their condition, with the co-operation of the Friends, and other philanthropists; partly derived from the minutes of a beneficial society, established by Absalom Jones, Richard Allen and others, in 1787, and partly from the minutes of the aforesaid church</a>. King &amp; Baird, Printers.</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cohen, A.J. (2024). <a href="#">Black history in the Philadelphia landscape: Deep roots, continuing legacy</a>. Temple University Press.</li> </ul>
7	<a href="#">1792 - The Beginning of Black Churches: The Great Walkout</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas (n.d.). The great walkout. <a href="http://www.aecst.org/walkout.htm">http://www.aecst.org/walkout.htm</a></li> </ul>
8	<a href="#">1792 - The Rise of a Stable Regional Center: Mother Bethel AME Church</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allen, R. (1880). <a href="#">The life, experience, and gospel labors of the Rt. Rev. Richard Allen: to which is annexed, the rise and progress of the African methodist episcopal church in the United States of America: Containing a narrative of the yellow fever in the year of our lord 1793: With an address to the people of color in the United States</a>. F. Ford and MA Ripley.</li> </ul>
9	<a href="#">1793 - The Formation of Black Leadership: The Yellow Fever Epidemic</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jones, A., &amp; Allen, R. (1794). <a href="#">A narrative of the proceedings of the Black people during the late awful calamity in Philadelphia in the year 1793</a>. <i>American Journal of Public Health</i>, 109(10), 1336-1337.</li> </ul>
10	<a href="#">1794 - The Formation of a Black Elite: The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Thomas' Church (n.d.). <a href="#">Births and baptisms, 1795-1837, Absalom Jones. Philadelphia Congregations Early Records</a>.</li> </ul>
11	<a href="#">1791 - The Beginnings of Global Black Solidarity: 1794 Haitian Liberation</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nash, G. B. (1998). <a href="#">Reverberations of Haiti in the American North: Black Saint Dominguans in Philadelphia</a>. <i>Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies</i>, 65, 44-73.</li> </ul>
12	<a href="#">1814 - Building a Sense of a Unified Black Community: The Gray's Ferry Redoubt</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dunkley, D. A. (2022). Black Radicalism in the Episcopal Church. <i>Anglican and Episcopal History</i>, 91(3), 284-285. <a href="#">Dunkley-BlackRadicalismEpiscopal-2022.pdf</a></li> </ul>



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13	<a href="#"><u>1817 - The Beginning of an African-American Identity: The Great Decision</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Garrison, W. L. (1832). <i>Thoughts on African colonization, or, an impartial exhibition of the doctrines, principles and purposes of the American colonization society: Together with the resolutions, addresses and remonstrances of the free people of color.</i> Garrison and Knapp.</li></ul>
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