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Resource Guide

Heritage Storytime Program Description:
Heritage Storytime (HS) is a series of monthly storytime episodes presented virtually for children. Each HS episode will focus on a heritage-related theme and will feature a children’s book read-along as well as complementary learning materials and activities. HS nurtures our desire to tell stories about our lives and heritages, past and present, and to learn through these stories. HS is especially important now due to the constraints that COVID-19 has imposed on classroom teaching and learning, and families’ activities, too.

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Partners:
African American Museum in Philadelphia
Global Philadelphia Association
Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery

Episode Description:
Join us for our first virtual Heritage Storytime episode! We’ll be at the African American Museum in Philadelphia reading the book My Name Is Oney Judge by local author Dr. Diane Turner to learn all about Judge’s daring escape from slavery in George Washington’s house in Philadelphia. Then we’ll learn more about slavery in Early America with a demonstration at the Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery in Germantown. We’ll share lots of additional learning resources and activities, and everyone who registers to attend this virtual event will be entered to win a copy of the Philadelphia World Heritage Coloring Book.

Book:
My Name Is Oney Judge** by Diane D. Turner (Author), Cal Massey (Illustrator)
**Not currently available for purchase (possible Spring reprinting)
“This children's book tells the true story of Oney Judge, a young African American woman who was a slave in George Washington's presidential household. She liberated herself by way of a daring escape and defied his attempts to recapture her.”
Audience:
Children in grades 4-8, families, teachers

Philadelphia sites and resources about African American history and life:
Cecil's People | HMP, Cecil's People classroom materials
Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection
Cliveden House: Enslaved Women: Stories Yet to Tell
Congo Square Tours - Philadelphia, PA | Philly Bite Magazine
Deshler-Morris House
Hakim’s Book Store
Harriet’s Bookshop
Historic Germantown
Johnson House
Learnphillyheritage.org
London Coffee House – slave auction block
Octavius V. Catto | HMP, Octavius V. Catto classroom materials
The President’s House Site: Ona Judge Escapes to Freedom (US National Park Service)
Resources for Learning about Philadelphia’s Connections with African American Heritage
Sisters In Freedom | HMP, Sisters In Freedom classroom materials
Uncle Bobbie’s

Literature and learning resources about African American history and life:
Teaching Hard History: American Slavery | Classroom Videos
Black Children's Books and Authors
Story of runaway slave Ona Judge retold for younger crowds
My Name is Oney Judge
Never Caught: The Story of Ona Judge
Lies My Bookshelf Told Me: Slavery in Children’s Literature
Ona Judge Outwits the Washingtons: An Enslaved Woman Fights for Freedom
The Bell Rang
Henry’s Freedom Box
Box: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom
Your Name is a Song
Milo’s Museum
The Black Book (African-American History)
Lest We Forget: The Passage from Africa into the Twenty-First Century
Story of Rosa Parks
More Mirrors in the Classroom
Books by and about black, indigenous and people of color -- statistics
The Dred Scott Decision, 1857
150 Years Later, Dred Scott Remembered
The 1857 Project

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