

## Overview

*Black Studies in Video* features documentaries, newsreels, interviews and archival footage surveying the evolution of black culture in the United States. In partnership with California Newsreel, the database provides unique access to their African American Classics collection, and includes films covering history, politics, art and culture, family structure, social and economic pressures, and gender relations. Unique features include:

- Quick Search
- Browse videos by title, directors/producers, topics, places, or clips
- Advanced Search

## Details

### *Quick Search*

The Quick Search at the top left side of the page allows you to do a quick search on keywords such as part of a title or a person's name, event or subject. The Quick Search also allows you to search through all disciplines or choose a specific discipline.

- Type in a search term. Choose a specific field using the **drop-down** list. To search, click  located next to the drop-down list

The *Browse, People* and *Specialized Areas of Interest* columns on the left side of the page allow you to choose how you would like to search through videos. You can browse through all titles or disciplines or pick a specific individual or area of interest.

### *Playing and Navigating Video*

Play a video by clicking either on a video **title** or the **play button** next to the title. Your selected video will automatically begin playing in synchronization with the transcript.

- **Play** and **pause** the video with the control just below the video pane, to the left.
- **Increase** or **decrease** the volume by sliding the bar on the control next to the  button.
- You can see your **location** and **duration** information, and you can jump anywhere in the video, by using the **timebar** below the video pane.
- You can **resize** the video and transcript panes with the controls above the video pane, at the right.
- You can find bibliographic information beneath the video pane, as well as in "**See More Details**" at the top of the screen.

### *Advanced Search*

Click the Advanced Search link in the middle of the page. You can search the Transcripts and Notes for any word spoken in the video, Title and Series for a specific video title, Director/ Producer, Language, Year Released, Subject, Historical Event, Persons Discussed and choose how you would like your results to be sorted. You can also select any specialized area of interest.

### **Additional Features You Might Like**

- You can create playlists containing whole works, segments, and/or other items such as links to any URL. Playlists can be annotated, edited, copied, and shared. All playlists contain their own unique static URL. Playlists can be used as lists of personal favorites, class viewing/listening assignments, or as a teaching resource for in-class use. Click on **Playlists** link at the top of the page to create a playlist. Click on the "**plus**" icon next to a video title to add that video to your playlist.
- You can see a list of the newly added content to Black Studies in Video by clicking the **What's New** link at the top of the page.

### **More Information**

- Filmmakers Library Online Help and Support
  - Help Topics  
<http://blst.alexanderstreet.com.vlib.interchange.at/help>
  - Search Tips  
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