

THE HISTORY OF THE TERM

AFRICAN AMERICAN

GENERAL INFORMATION

African Americans (also referred to as Black Americans or Afro-Americans) are an ethnic group of Americans (citizens or residents of the United States) with total or partial ancestry from any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

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Slavery had been practiced in British North America from early colonial days, and was recognized in all the Thirteen Colonies at the time of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

AT THE SLAVERY TIMES:

? **SLAVES**

? **FREE PEOPLE OF COLOR**

AFTER EMANCIPATION (1863)

? COLORED

? NEGRO

(NIGGAR)

In the 1920s black people in the USA usually called themselves "colored". In the 1960s, they began to call themselves "black."

In the 1980s the term *African American* was advanced on the model of, for example, German-American or Irish-American to give descendants of American slaves and other American blacks who lived through the slavery, a heritage and a cultural base.

NOWADAYS

- ✓ **BLACK**
- ✓ **AFRO-AMERICAN**
- ✓ **AFRICAN AMERICAN**

- ✓ **NIGGER**
- ✓ **NIGGA**
- ✓ **NEGRO**

AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

Ten Little Niggers (1939)

Ten Little Indians

Ten Little Soldiers

And Then There

Were None