



Mississippi History Day 2022 Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas

What Does This Mean?

A **frontier** may be geographical—an area thought to be on the edge of a settlement. Various dictionaries refer to a physical frontier as “a wilderness at the edge of a settled area” or “uncharted territory.” The first might be a remote land, beyond the boundaries of an area or country and considered uninhabited. The idea of uncharted territory could be land that is not plotted on a map and therefore “unknown.”

Another definition of **frontier** is “an undeveloped field of study.” In this case, the term frontier may signify the limits of knowledge or achievement in a particular activity or subject. These frontiers change over time; a frontier for one generation may be commonplace for succeeding generations. Students might explore the work of individuals who have thought of new ways of organizing human life politically, economically, religiously, or socially and assess the impact of these new ideas.

For more information on the 2022 theme, visit: <https://www.nhd.org/frontiers-history>.

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- <https://www.mdah.ms.gov/mississippi-history-day>
- <https://mississippiencyclopedia.org/>
- <https://da.mdah.ms.gov/>

Mississippi Topics

People

- Charles Henri Ford (poet)
- Eudora Welty (author, photographer)
- Evelyn Gandy (former Lieutenant Governor)
- Freedom Riders (Civil Rights activists)
- George Ohr (pottery artist)
- Hezekiah Watkins (Civil Rights activist)
- Ida B. Wells-Barnett (journalist, Civil and Women’s Rights activist)
- James Meredith (Civil Rights activist)
- Dr. James Hardy (surgeon)

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- Jim Henson and the Muppets (director, puppeteer)
- Joan Trumpauer Mulholland (Civil Rights activist)
- Medgar Evers (Civil Rights activist)
- Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (Civil Rights activists)
- Robert Johnson (musician)
- Tennessee Williams (author)
- Tougaloo Nine (Civil Rights activists)
- Walter Anderson (artist)
- William Faulkner (author)
- William Winter (former Governor)

Places

- Alcorn State University (education, African American history)
- Camp Shelby (military history)
- European Exploration (early MS, Native American history)
- Forks of the Road Slave Market (African American history)
- Free State of Jones (military history)
- Mississippi University for Women (women's history)
- Mound Bayou (Reconstruction, African American history)
- Natchez, MS (early statehood)
- The Natchez Trace (geography, Native American history)
- Parchman State Penitentiary (state, Civil Rights history)
- Stennis Space Center (technology, industrial history)
- Siege of Vicksburg (military history)

Ideas

- Agricultural Advancements (agricultural history)
- Blues Music (music history)
- Convict Leasing (government, African American history)
- First Heart and Lung Transplants (medical history)
- Great Migration (African American history)
- Head Start (government, education history)
- Immigration to Mississippi (immigrant history)
- Married Women's Property Act of 1839 (women's history)
- Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission (Civil Rights history)
- Native American Removal (Native American history)
- Native American Trade Systems (Native American history)
- Poor People's Campaign (Civil Rights history)
- Prohibition (government history)
- School Desegregation (Civil Rights history)
- Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek (Native American history)