

Willis Jr. High *Communications in History* Project

**Topic:** Stereotypes and Speech: The Performance of Minstrel Shows

**Search Terms:**

Minstrel shows, Afro-Americans – music, Blackface

**Encyclopedia article:**

“Minstrelsy, American.” *The New Grove dictionary of music and musicians*, vol. 16. (REF 780.3 NEW)

**Reference works:**

“Minstrels/Minstrelsy.” *African-American History*. (REF 973.0496 AFRICAN)

**Books:** (these include primary sources such as posters and sheet music)

*Black popular music in America*, ch 2 (781.64 SHAW)

*Black music in America*, p 20-26 (781.6296 HASKINS)

*The music of Black Americans: a history*, p 228-239 (780.8996 SOUTHERN)

**Videos/DVD:**

(none at Downtown)

**Websites:**

*Minstrel Show* <[http://encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia\\_761578073/Minstrel\\_Show.html](http://encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia_761578073/Minstrel_Show.html)>

*The Minstrel Show* <<http://chnm.gmu.edu/courses/jackson/minstrel/minstrel.html>>

*Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia* (see especially the link “Who was Jim Crow?”) <<http://www.ferris.edu/news/jimcrow/menu.htm>>

**Magazine Database Articles:**

Curry, Andrew. “Men in Blackface.” *U.S. News & World Report*. 7/8/2002. Online: MasterFILE Premier.

Weathers, Diane. “The Message in Our Music.” *Essence*. June 2004. Online: MasterFILE Premier.