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The History Makers Digital Archive Is Pretty Impressive

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The History Makers Digital Archive is a collection of video interviews with 400 African Americans, including Barack Obama and other well-known figures.

That's nice, but how their presented is what makes this site extraordinarily impressive. Here's how they describe it:

As a registered user of the new web-based archive, you will be able to:

** Search the spoken text of over 900 hours of video divided into 18,254 story segments.*

** Filter searches by geography, time period, and the gender, occupation and birth year of the interviewee.*

** View your search results as 3-5 minute video story segments, each aligned with a running transcript below a Flash video player (compatible with most browsers).*

** Save video story segments of interest and return to them through web site bookmarking.*

** Search dozens of historical topics, biographical themes and interview qualities, newly coded to interview segments through thousands of hours of human indexing.*

It's pretty neat.

Registration is free, though it's a bit more cumbersome than most other sites. I still was able to finish it in a couple of minutes.

I'm definitely adding it to [The Best Websites To Teach & Learn About African-American History](#).

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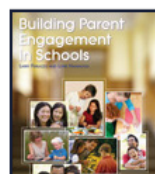
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