**Description & Book:** *Zora & Me: The Cursed Ground*, by T.R. Simon. Explore local history and discuss its impact on our lives today. Then, create a product that reflects what you have learned about your community.

**Materials:**
- Historical photographs
- Information about African-American history in your community/region
- Presenters from local history/historical society departments or from the community
- Supplies for the products you wish the participants to create

**Estimated Cost:** $0-$50, depending on if you need to supply a donation to local history organization or need to purchase supplies.

**Prep time:** If you are not using a presenter, it could be about 1-4 hours in order to do research and compile information for program.

**Instructions:**
- Decide what product you’d like the participants to create – examples can include a visual art piece, writing a poem or short story, or creating a video.
- Contact your local history department or historical society for a presenter or for help finding resources about African-American history in your community/region.
- If you aren’t having a presenter, put together mini lessons/presentations on a variety of events and people.
- Discuss how historical figures or events in your community or region might affect our lives today.
- Using supplies provided, participants will create a product that reflects what they have learned about their community’s history.

**Additional Resources:**
- Your local history department or historical society
- Community members
- National Museum of African American History & Culture: [https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/collection](https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/collection)
- Documenting the American South: [https://docsouth.unc.edu/fpn/aboutfpn.html](https://docsouth.unc.edu/fpn/aboutfpn.html)
- National Archives: [https://www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/black-history.html](https://www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/black-history.html)

**Learning Objective:** To discover how history can impact our lives today, and to bring those impacts to light for exploration and discussion.

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