

# RESOURCE LIST

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[minnpost.com/mnopedia/2019/07/on-june-15-1920-a-duluth-mob-lynched-three-black-men/?gclid=CjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEFwBcpXPeqsMV8xeego8BBv7b33cnpJQnLAEec8vUrbw0IY2mv-8PhoCIMUQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.minnpost.com/mnopedia/2019/07/on-june-15-1920-a-duluth-mob-lynched-three-black-men/?gclid=CjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEFwBcpXPeqsMV8xeego8BBv7b33cnpJQnLAEec8vUrbw0IY2mv-8PhoCIMUQAvD_BwE)
4. Article: "Centennial remembrance of Duluth lynchings subdued - but hopeful," by Dan Kraker | June 15, 2020  
<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2020/06/15/centennial-remembrance-of-duluth-lynchings-subdued-but-hopeful>
5. Video: "Minnesota governor marks 100th anniversary of Duluth lynching" | Nation Jun 15, 2020  
[pbs.org/newshour/nation/watch-minnesota-governor-marks-100th-anniversary-of-duluth-lynching](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/watch-minnesota-governor-marks-100th-anniversary-of-duluth-lynching)
6. History Center information regarding the lynchings, legal proceedings, and incarcerations  
<https://www.mnhs.org/duluthlynchings/lynchings.php>  
<https://www.mnhs.org/duluthlynchings/legal.php>  
<https://www.mnhs.org/duluthlynchings/incarcerations.php>
7. Max Mason [pardon application](#), [letters in support](#) and the [pardon certificate](#).
8. Max Mason [pardon hearing](#)
9. Article: "Minn. grants state's first posthumous pardon to Max Mason, in case related to Duluth lynchings," by Dan Kraker | June 12, 2020  
<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2020/06/12/minn-grants-states-first-posthumous-pardon-to-max-mason>
10. Article: "Century after Minnesota lynchings, black man convicted of rape 'because of his race' up for pardon," by Meagan Flynn | June 12, 2020  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/06/12/duluth-lynchings-mason-pardon/>
11. [Video of Corey Gordon discussing the Max Mason pardon](#)
12. [Suggested Student Projects](#)
13. [Discussion Questions](#) document

## Resources for Option B (the lynchings and Max Mason trial)

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<https://www.mnhs.org/duluthlynchings/incarcerations.php>
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## **Additional Resources:**

### **Documents**

Max Mason Trial Transcript — download full document at:

[https://www.mnhs.org/duluthlynchings/documents/Max\\_Mason\\_No\\_6785-228.001.php](https://www.mnhs.org/duluthlynchings/documents/Max_Mason_No_6785-228.001.php)

### **Books**

"The Lynchings in Duluth" by Michael Fedo. Second edition 2016 Minnesota Historical Society Press.

"The Lyncher In Me: A Search for Redemption in the Face of History" by Read, Warren. 2018. Borealis Books.

### **Articles**

"The Trials of the Duluth Lynchers," by William D. Green

<http://collections.mnhs.org/MNHHistoryMagazine/articles/59/v59i01p022-035.pdf>

"100th anniversary commemoration of Duluth lynchings postponed by COVID-19," by Dan Kraker | March 31, 2020

[mprnews.org/story/2020/03/31/100th-anniversary-commemoration-of-duluth-lynchings-postponed-by-covid19](https://www.mprnews.org/story/2020/03/31/100th-anniversary-commemoration-of-duluth-lynchings-postponed-by-covid19)

“‘Very powerful’: Duluth lynching anniversary draws crowd to memorial. Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz and Attorney General Keith Ellison were among the people who visited the Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial on the 100th anniversary of the Duluth lynchings,” by Christa Lawler | June 15, 2020  
[www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/6531748-Very-powerful-Duluth-lynching-anniversary-draws-crowd-to-memorial](http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/6531748-Very-powerful-Duluth-lynching-anniversary-draws-crowd-to-memorial) (Registration required)

“Minnesota’s Pardon Board clears way for posthumous pardon in case that sparked lynching,” by Torey Van Oot | December 17, 2019  
[www.startribune.com/undoing-the-harm-minnesota-pardon-board-weighs-rape-conviction-tied-to-1920-lynching/566261762/](http://www.startribune.com/undoing-the-harm-minnesota-pardon-board-weighs-rape-conviction-tied-to-1920-lynching/566261762/).

“Max Mason gets ‘long overdue’ posthumous pardon,” by Christa Lawler | June 12, 2020  
<https://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/crime-and-courts/6532876-Max-Mason-gets-long-overdue-posthumous-pardon> (Registration required)

“Max Mason gains pardon ‘100 years overdue’ in rape case that led to lynchings,” by Kay Jones | June 12, 2020  
<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/12/us/max-mason-posthumous-pardon-minnesota/index.html>

### **Podcasts**

“The Duluth Lynchings” is a six-part series that looks at the events of June 15, 1920 and the effects of the mob’s violence against three black circus workers who were accused of raping a West Duluth girl.  
<https://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/6490067-News-Tribune-produces-podcast-covering-the-1920-lynchings-of-Clayton-Jackson-and-McGhie>

“The 1920 Duluth Lynchings” with Michael Fedo – A True Crime History Podcast  
<https://radiopublic.com/most-notorious-a-true-crime-histo-GyZRpW/s1!370a4#t=120>

### **Videos**

“DULUTH LYNCHINGS | 100 YEARS LATER,” presented by TPT and the Minnesota Humanities Center. An expert panel discusses the social, economic, and racial justice landscape which led to the horrific lynching of Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson, and Isaac McGhie and the unfair trial of Max Mason in 1920 Duluth. Examine the failures of historic and modern criminal justice systems, barriers in today’s legal system, the devaluing of African American lives, and positive steps we can take as a society.  
<https://www.tpt.org/duluth-lynchings-100-years-later/>

“North Star: Minnesota’s Black Pioneers Episode 1 Presence of the Past,” a documentary by Twin Cities Public Television (TPT)  
<https://www.pbs.org/video/presence-of-the-past-7952/>

“C.J.: Duluth police chief’s relative told lie that incited 1920 lynchings”

Duluth Police Chief Mike Tusken embraces family connection to the most racist chapter in city’s history to teach lessons & bring change.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxmGWwpBE\\_8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxmGWwpBE_8)

History Center videos: <https://www.mnhs.org/duluthlynchings/videos>

### **Websites**

CLAYTON JACKSON MCGHIE MEMORIAL

[https://claytonjacksonmcghie.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/disc\\_guide-2-1.pdf](https://claytonjacksonmcghie.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/disc_guide-2-1.pdf)

The Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial is located on the corner of E 1st St & N 2nd Ave E in Duluth, Minnesota, and is open for the public to visit. The website includes a “Discussion Guide” for download, and a “Curriculum Guide” for high school history and language arts classrooms that outlines the events of the 1920 lynchings in Duluth and provides supplemental materials for use in classrooms. This 5-7 day curriculum guide helps teachers map the intersection of issues in race and class and demonstrates the impact of lynchings across the US. It also fosters critical literacy in the reading of historical documents, contemporary media, and literature.

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[https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Communications/2020/06/12\\_MaxMason.asp](https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Communications/2020/06/12_MaxMason.asp)

June 12, 2020 (SAINT PAUL) — Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison hailed the unanimous vote of the Minnesota Board of Pardons to grant a posthumous pardon to Max Mason. Mason, a traveling African American circus worker, was wrongly convicted on a groundless charge of rape in the aftermath of the public lynchings of three of his African American colleagues in Duluth. The lynchings took place on June 15, 1920, almost exactly 100 years ago.

### **Related Resources**

**The Innocence Project** | [innocenceproject.org/](http://innocenceproject.org/)

The Innocence Project, founded in 1992 by Peter Neufeld and Barry Scheck at Cardozo School of Law, exonerates the wrongly convicted through DNA testing and reforms the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice.

**Equal Justice Initiative** | [eji.org](http://eji.org)

Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1989 by Bryan Stevenson, a well-known public interest lawyer and bestselling author of “Just Mercy.” EJI works to end mass incarceration, excessive punishment, and racial inequality.

**\*All documents found in this packet of materials can also be found on the Open Doors webpage:**

<https://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/open-doors>