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# **DEREK WALCOTT**

This collection of resources explores the subject matter of Sir Derek Alton Walcott, a poet and playwright, was born on the island of Saint Lucia, a former British colony in the West Indies. Although he was initially trained as a painter, he eventually shifted his focus to writing. His unique style blends Western canon with Island influences, seamlessly moving between Caribbean patois and English. Walcott's work often delves into his English and West Indian heritage, creating a rich tapestry of cultural exploration. In addition to his poetry, Walcott was also a celebrated playwright. In 1971, he received an Obie Award for his play Dream on Monkey Mountain, which was praised by the New Yorker as "a poem in dramatic form." His plays frequently explore various aspects of the West Indian experience, touching on themes of post-colonialism and drawing from genres such as fable, allegory, folk tales, and morality plays.

In general, this listing provides un-bias information about historical events, people, occasions, and celebrations through works of nonfiction, biographies, and archival materials. This list is merely an introduction to sources in the Auburn Avenue Research Library's (AARL) collection that are relevant to the subject matter, and it is in no way intended to be an exhaustive list of the collection's topical resources.

Resources include call numbers, for patrons to easily inquire and obtain resources. Auburn Avenue Research Library maintains non-circulating policies of its collection; however, patrons are able to utilize materials in-house. Suggested search terms and keywords are provided to further guide patron's research amongst Auburn Avenue Research Library and the Fulton County Public Library System's catalog and digital libraries. The below Boolean Operators (AND, OR, also NOT) are simple words used to maximize search results.

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**Audio/Visual Collection:** 

Derek Walcott Reads Author: Walcott, Derek

Pub Date:1994

Call #: CAS 811 WALCOTT

Books:	
White Egrets: Poems	
Author: Walcott, Derek	Pub Date: 2010
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811.54 WALCOTT	
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Selected Poems	
Author: Walcott, Derek	<b>Pub Date: 2007</b>
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811.54 WALCOTT	
Another Life: Fully Annotated	
Author: Walcott, Derek	Pub Date: 2004
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811.54 WALCOTT	
The Prodigal	
Author: Walcott, Derek	Pub Date: 2004
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 305.48 CRAIG	
Walker and the Ghost Dance	
Author: Walcott, Derek	Pub Date: 2002
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 812.54 WALCOTT	
The Haitian Trilogy	
Author: Walcott, Derek	Pub Date: 2002
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 812 WALCOTT	
Tiepolo's Hound	
Author: Walcott, Derek	<b>Pub Date: 2000</b>
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811 WALCOTT	
What The Twilight Says: Essays	
Author: Walcott, Derek	Pub Date: 1998
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 814 WALCOTT	
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The Bounty	
Author: Walcott, Derek	Pub Date: 1997
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811 WALCOTT	

<b>Conversations with Derek Walcott</b> <b>Author:</b> Walcott, Derek <b>Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811 WALCOTT</b>	Pub Date: 1996
Omeros Author: Walcott, Derek Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811 WALCOTT	Pub Date: 1990
The Arkansas Testament Author: Walcott, Derek Auburn Avenue Research Library: WR 811 WALCOT	Pub Date: 1998 T
Three Plays Author: Walcott, Derek Auburn Avenue Research Library: 812 WALCOTT	Pub Date: 1986
<b>Collected Poems, 1948-1984</b> <b>Author:</b> Walcott, Derek <b>Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811 WALCOTT</b>	Pub Date: 1986
Midsummer Author: Walcott, Derek Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811 WALCOTT	Pub Date: 1984
<b>The Fortunate Traveller</b> <b>Author:</b> Walcott, Derek <b>Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811 WALCOTT</b>	Pub Date: 1981
The Star-Apple Kingdom Author: Walcott, Derek Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811 WALCOTT	Pub Date: 1979
<b>The Joker of Seville &amp; O Babylon! : Two Plays</b> <b>Author:</b> Walcott, Derek <b>Auburn Avenue Research Library: WR 812 WALCOT</b>	Pub Date: 1979 T
Sea Grapes Author: Walcott, Derek Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811 WALCOTT	Pub Date: 1976

## **Databases to Use:**

### African-American History Online

This <u>Infobase resource</u> includes citation and timeline tools for student reports. As with all Infobase products, content from African-American History Online fully integrates with Google Classroom and other learning management systems, allowing students and educators to easily embed content into presentations and reports. Frequently updated and tablet friendly.

#### African-American Studies Center (Oxford)

Provides students, teachers, and scholars with an authoritative and comprehensive source on the lives and events which have shaped African American and African history and culture.

#### Accessible Archives Digital Collections - African-American Newspapers: The 19th Century

This collection of African American newspapers contains a wealth of information about cultural life and history during the 1800s and is rich with first-hand reports of the major events and issues of the day, including the Mexican War, Presidential and Congressional addresses, Congressional abstracts, business and commodity markets, the humanities, world travel and religion.

- Freedom's Journal New York, New York, March 16, 1827 March 28, 1829
- <u>The Colored American</u> (Weekly Advocate) New York, January 7, 1837 December 25, 1841
- The North Star Rochester, New York, December 3, 1847 April 17, 1851
- The National Era Washington, D.C., January 7, 1847 March 22, 1860
- Frederick Douglass Papers 1851-1863
- **Douglass Monthly** January 1859 August 1863
- **Provincial Freeman** 1854-1857
- The Christian Recorder 1861 1902
- The Liberator January 1, 1831 January 1, 1866

#### **Digital Library of Georgia**

Description: Georgia history and culture through digitized books, primary sources, photos, and video

#### **ProQuest Historical Black Newspapers**

- <u>Atlanta Daily World (1931-2003)</u> The Atlanta Daily World had the first black White House correspondent and was the first black daily in the nation in the 20th century.
- <u>The Baltimore Afro-American (1893-1988)</u> was the most widely circulated black newspaper on the Atlantic coast. It was the first black newspaper to have correspondents reporting on World War II, foreign correspondents, and female sports correspondents.
- <u>Chicago Defender (1910-1975)</u> A leading African-American newspaper, with more than two-thirds of its readership outside Chicago.
- <u>Cleveland Call and Post (1934-1991)</u> was founded by Garrett Morgan, inventor of the gas mask and traffic light. Contributors included noted journalists Charles H. Loeb and John Fuster. The newspaper is well known for its support of the Scottsboro trial defendants with letters, clothing, stamps, and donations to the defense fund.
- Los Angeles Sentinel (1934-2005) is the oldest and largest black newspaper in the western United States and the largest African-American owned newspaper in the U.S.
- <u>New York Amsterdam News (1922-1993)</u> This leading Black newspaper of the 20th century reached its peak in the 1940s. The Amsterdam News was a strong advocate for the desegregation of the U.S. military during World War II, and also covered the historically important Harlem Renaissance.
- <u>The Norfolk Journal and Guide (1921-2003)</u> was the only black newspaper to provide on-the-scene, day-to-day coverage of the Scottsboro trial and was one of the best researched and well written black newspapers of its time.
- <u>The Philadelphia Tribune (1912-2001)</u> the oldest continuously published black newspaper, is dedicated to the needs and concerns of the fourth largest black community in the U.S. During the 1930s the paper supported the growth of the United Way, rallied against the riots in Chester, PA, and continuously fought against segregation.
- <u>Pittsburgh Courier (1911-2002)</u> was one of the most nationally circulated Black newspapers, the Courier reached its peak in the 1930s. A conservative voice in the African-American community, the Courier challenged the misrepresentation of African-Americans in the national media and advocated social reforms to advance the cause of civil rights.

## Suggested Search Terms and Keywords:

-Plays OR Poems AND Derek Walcott

-Caribbean AND Poems AND Derek Walcott

-Collected Poems AND Derek AND Walcott

-Selected poems AND Essays AND Derek Walcott

-Poets AND St. Lucian AND Derek Walcott

-Caribbean AND Derek Walcott

-Derek Walcott AND Drama AND Colonialism

-Post colonialism AND West Indies and Caribbean AND Derek Walcott



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