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Black Americans and Popular Media: A Black History Month Conversation

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Race and Media--The Contestation over Images

Representations of Blacks in Mainstream Media



Black Responses to Mainstream Representations



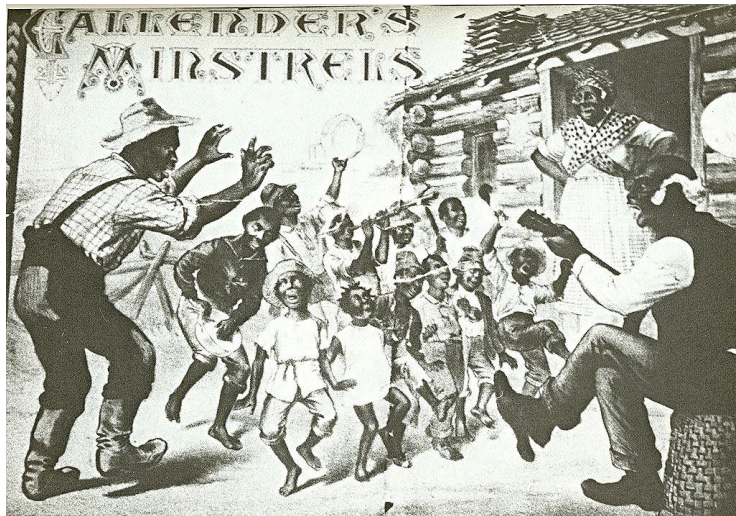
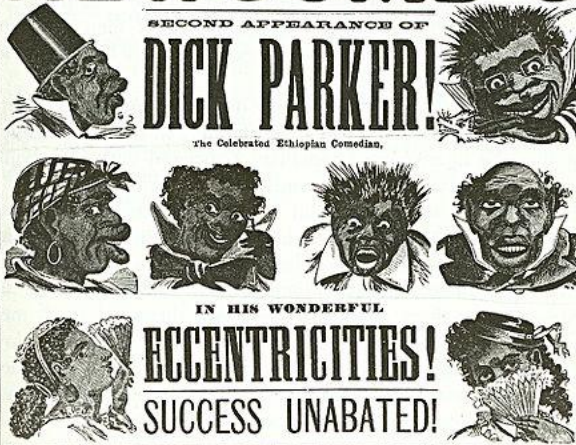
Black Americans central to the history of American popular culture: Minstrelsy

WOOD'S THEATRE
Regularly Established for the Season as a Temple of Minstrelsy
Manager and Proprietor, W. W. NEWCOMB
TUESDAY Evening, Oct. 29th, 1867.
INCREASED ATTRACTION WITH THE POPULAR

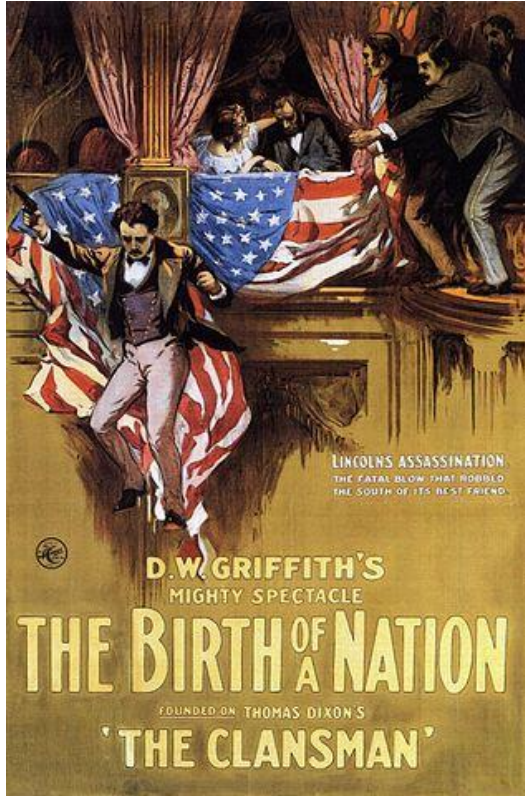
NEWCOMB'S

SECOND APPEARANCE OF
DICK PARKER!
The Celebrated Ethiopian Comedian.

IN HIS WONDERFUL
ECCENTRICITIES!
SUCCESS UNABATED!



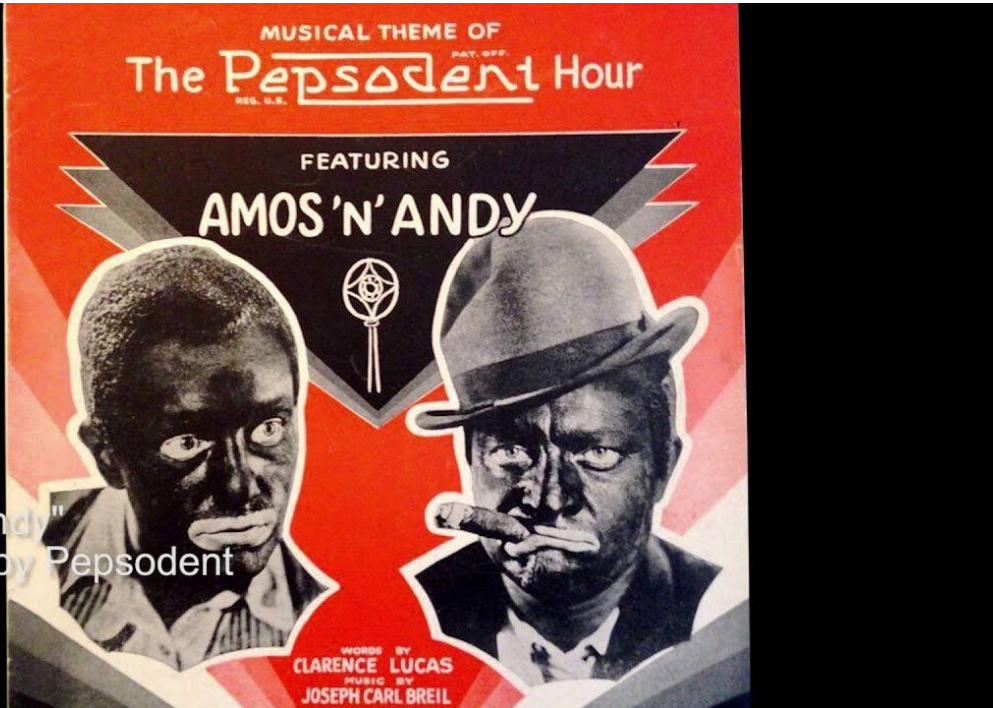
Defense of Slavery launches the Film Industry



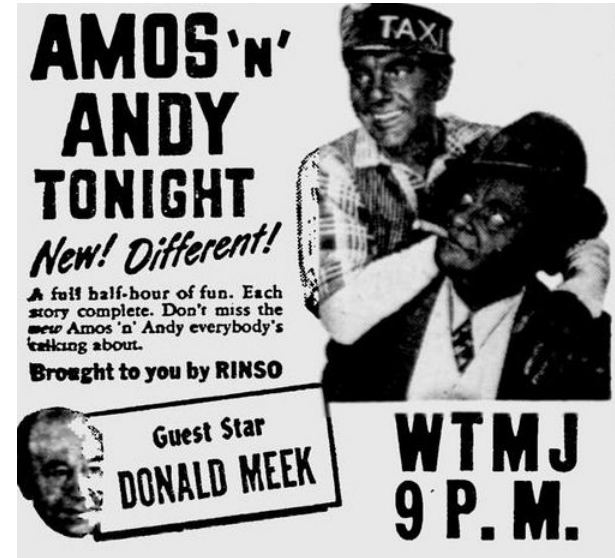
Insult and mimicry central to the emergence of talking cinema



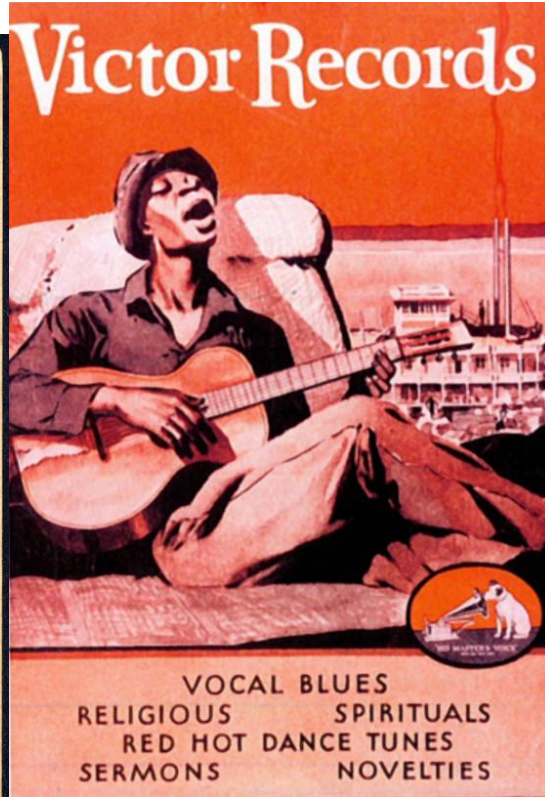
Radio--A new medium continues minstrel theme



"Amos 'n' Andy"
Sponsored by Pepsodent
1929-1937



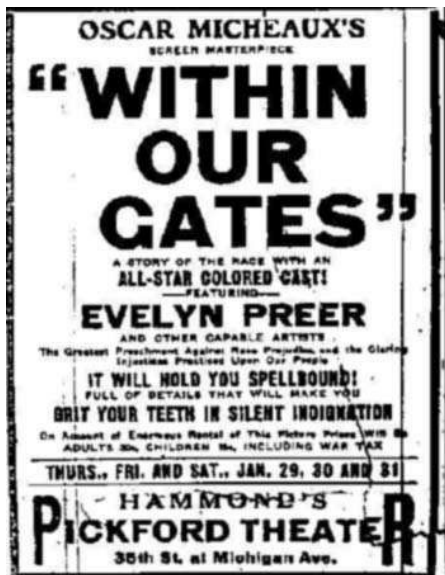
Music Recording--a segregated, yet profitable industry



From Blues, to Jazz, to R&B and beyond



Black Americans respond on screen



Black Independent Cinema:

Oscar Micheaux--1920s-40s



Bringing dignity to limited roles



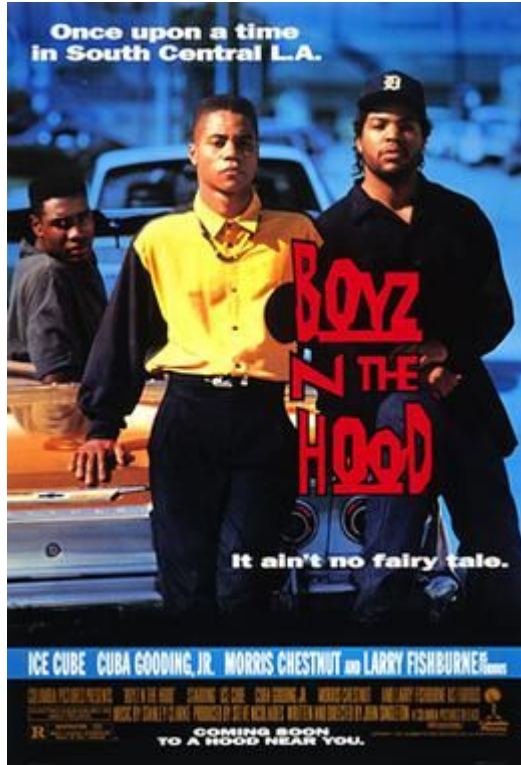
1970s--Black independent filmmaking



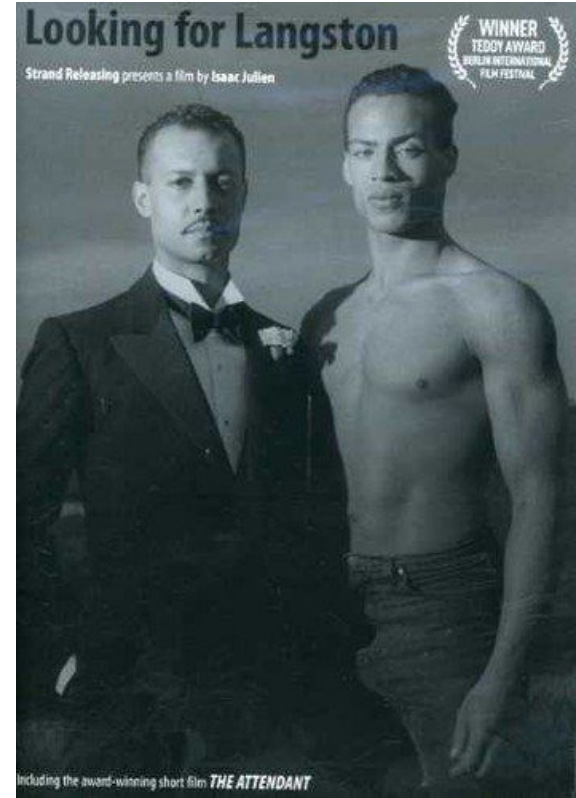
Meanwhile--an emerging medium: television



By the 1990s--content shifted to gritty urban context



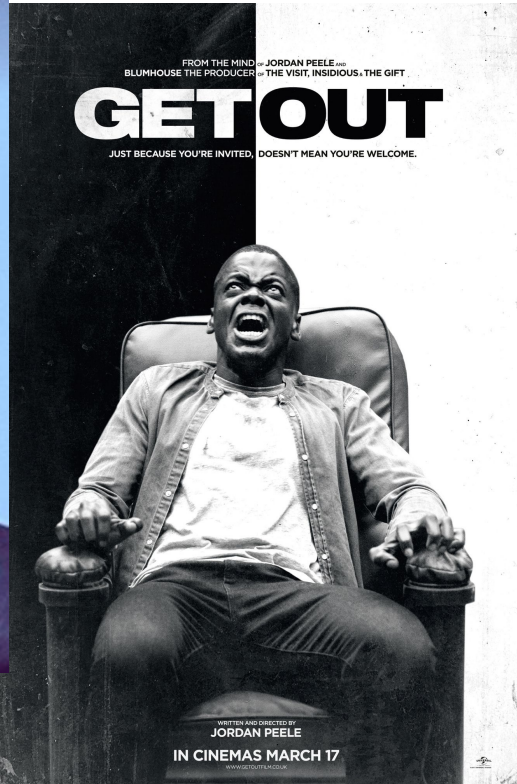
Complementing the rise of hip hop--new generation of independent filmmakers



21st century context for Black American cinema



Black authorship, black control, alternative images



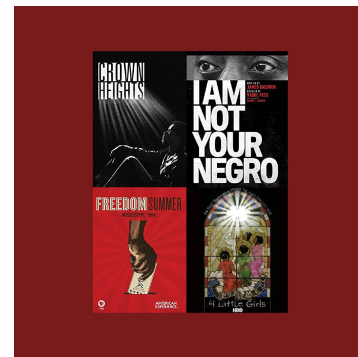
Today's (lockdown) media landscape

10 Movies on Netflix for BLACK FAMILIES



9 Movies To Watch On Hulu In June 2020 Starring Black Leads

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