



ADULT EDUCATION MATERIALS

Planting Seeds of Freedom in the Pecos Valley of New Mexico: How Blackdom Grew Its Roots through Dry-Farming

by Maya Allen (University of New Mexico)

Learn about soil and climate conditions for plant growth

Soil Science Society of [America Soil Basics](#)

Soil Science Society of [America Soils and Food](#)

Assess your local soil and moisture conditions

Easy [Soil Texture Test](#)

Easy Soil Science Society of America [Soil Water Holding and Drainage Test](#)

[Track drought severity](#)

Learn more about the legacy of Black Pioneers in the American West

[Listen to "O Nicodemus" by Sunni Patterson](#), a modern poem about the town of Nicodemus, Kansas, founded by former slaves in the 1870s.

For even more extended work on the topic of Black Pioneers in the American West, see the complete [PBS lesson plan](#) on African Americans in the west.