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Aspiring to be the "talking drum" of the net noir, Massachusetts-based [www.africana.com](http://www.africana.com) is a place where people of the African diaspora can connect with their past, present and future. The site's producer, Reuven Koret, says the concept for Africana was drawn from W.E.B. DuBois's idea of an encyclopedia that would chronicle the African experience. "It's a digital bridge that mends the links that have been torn," he explains. About 10,000 netizens a day utilize the site's many



"AfriChannels" to locate hard-to-find articles about people of color. Browsers can also participate in live online debates with Black intel-

lectuals, learn about their African lineage, and listen to Black radio programs from around the globe. In addition, the site offers a lifetime e-mail service for its users, free of charge. "We're strongly oriented towards education," says Koret. "People have to prepare themselves for a digital world."  
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