

## CREATOR USER GUIDE

*Using USBA Materials to Create Clear and Effective Content*

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### OVERVIEW

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This guide is for creators, educators, commentators, and content producers who want to use materials from the United States of Black America (USBA) ecosystem to create public-facing content.

It is designed to help you:

- understand what USBA materials are meant to be used for
- apply them correctly when creating content
- avoid common mistakes that distort meaning or cause confusion
- engage responsibly without misrepresenting the ecosystem

This guide does not grant authority, endorsement, or affiliation. It is an orientation tool to support accurate use.

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### WHAT THE ECOSYSTEM PROVIDES

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The USBA ecosystem provides reference materials, not opinions.

These materials include:

- clear definitions related to Foundational Black Americans (FBAs)
- lineage-specific historical and structural analysis
- frameworks for understanding policy, harm, and restoration
- language tools designed for accuracy and precision
- context for explaining conditions without speculation

USBA materials are designed to be cited, referenced, and explained, not remixed, reinterpreted, or personalized.

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### HOW TO USE USBA MATERIALS

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Creators should use USBA materials to explain, not to argue.

Appropriate uses include:

- quoting definitions directly when accuracy matters

- referencing frameworks to explain structure or history
  - summarizing concepts without changing their meaning
  - translating technical language into accessible explanations
  - contextualizing current events using lineage-specific analysis
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When using USBA materials:

- cite the source clearly
- preserve the original intent and scope
- avoid adding conclusions that are not present in the material
- distinguish clearly between sourced information and your own commentary

USBA content works best when treated as foundational context, not as a prompt for debate or performance.

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## TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR CREATORS

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The USBA ecosystem includes tools and reference materials that support accurate, responsible content creation.

### Foundational References

These documents provide the core definitions, framing, and structural context that creators often cite or explain:

- **USBA Constitution**  
Establishes lineage recognition, structure, and scope. Useful for explaining how the ecosystem is organized and why authority is not individualized.
  - **Declaration of Freedom**  
Provides foundational language for describing national identity, continuity, and purpose.
  - **25 Rights of Foundational Black Americans**  
Offers a concise reference for discussing protected rights and lineage-based claims.
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### Identity And Language Clarity Tools

These resources support accurate language use and help prevent misclassification or substitution:

- **FBA Identity Guide**  
Defines who Foundational Black Americans are and why lineage specificity matters.
- **Lineage Clarity Playbook**  
Helps creators distinguish lineage-based identity from broader racial categories.

- **Identity-Based Language Guide**  
Supports precise, consistent terminology when discussing FBAs and related topics.
  - **Narrative Integrity Guide**  
Useful for maintaining clarity and avoiding distortion when explaining sensitive or contested issues.
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## **Structural And Analytical Frameworks**

These tools are most relevant when creators are providing historical, policy, or systems-level explanation:

- **SSDH Explainer**  
Explains how social and structural determinants shape outcomes over time.
  - **Six-Part Cycle Explainer**  
Provides a framework for understanding recurring patterns of harm, redirection, and denial.
  - **Structural Language Framework for FBA Justice**  
Supports accurate discussion of reparations and lawful repair without oversimplification.
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## **Orientation And Supporting Guides**

These guides offer additional context for responsible engagement:

- **USBA 2025 Guide**  
High-level orientation to the ecosystem and its components.
- **USBA Orientation Guide**  
Provides guidance for understanding the ecosystem and intentional participation.
- **Anti-Tethering Guide**  
Helps creators avoid implying shared lineage or collapsing distinct identities.

These resources exist to support responsible engagement, and creators may use them as needed.

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## **CONTENT APPROACHES THAT WORK**

Creators tend to be most effective when they use USBA materials in the following ways:

- **Educational Explainers**  
Breaking down definitions, terms, or frameworks clearly and calmly.
- **Context Setting**  
Providing historical or structural background for current issues.

- **Myth Correction**  
Addressing common misunderstandings using cited material.
- **Structural Analysis**  
Explaining how systems, policies, or classifications produce outcomes.
- **Source-Based Commentary**  
Building commentary around what the material says, not what it implies.

These approaches prioritize clarity and usefulness over virality.

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## COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

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Creators often run into trouble when they unintentionally drift away from the material.

Common issues include:

- substituting race-based language where lineage-specific language is required
- using “we,” “us,” or “our” in ways that imply shared lineage
- paraphrasing definitions so heavily that meaning changes
- turning structural frameworks into personal opinions or hot takes
- using trauma narratives to provoke engagement rather than understanding

If your content requires exaggeration, simplification, or emotional escalation to work, it is likely misaligned with the source material.

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## HOW TO MAINTAIN IDENTITY CLARITY

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When engaging USBA materials, creators are expected to maintain identity clarity in their use of language.

This means:

- being transparent about your identity or relationship to the subject matter
- avoiding language that implies shared FBA lineage if it does not apply
- naming Foundational Black Americans explicitly when lineage matters

Creators should not assume FBA identity through proximity, agreement, or shared experience.

Using clear language protects both the creator and the integrity of the material.

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## WHEN TO STEP BACK OR DISENGAGE

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There are times when disengagement is the responsible choice.

Creators should step back when:

- discussions shift from explanation to debate
- audiences pressure you to generalize or substitute identity
- engagement incentives reward distortion or conflict
- clarity cannot be maintained without escalation

Disengaging preserves accuracy. It is not a failure or retreat.

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## CREATOR ROLE IN THE ECOSYSTEM

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Within the USBA ecosystem:

- use published materials to amplify and explain information
- avoid defining, governing, or representing the ecosystem
- rely on the FBA lineage and the materials themselves as the source of authority

The creator's role is to facilitate accurate use of the material, not to speak on behalf of the ecosystem.

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## FINAL NOTES

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USBA materials are designed to support long-term clarity rather than short-term attention.

When creating content:

- accuracy matters more than reach
- clarity matters more than commentary
- discipline protects the work for everyone

Creators who respect the material help strengthen understanding. Creators who distort it weaken trust.

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