

BLACK

HISTORY MONTH

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ABOUT:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



During Black History Month and throughout the year, reflect on more than 400 years of Black history and heritage in national parks and communities across the country. Find special places, historic moments, and personal journeys that contribute to conversations about Black representation, identity, and diversity in our nation's history and today.

Also known as African-American History Month, it has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland, and the United Kingdom. It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada, while in Ireland, and the United Kingdom it is observed in October.

This month we pay tribute to those who pioneered and fought for racial justice and equality such as Marthin Luther Kin, Jr., Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, and more.

Celebrating Black History is important because it creates an opportunity to understand Black histories, going beyond stories of racism and slavery to spotlight Black achievements, inventions, and culture.

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

WHO'S WHO?

BLACK HISTORY FACES



While Black History Month is synonymous with prominent figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Muhammad Ali, Jackie Robinson, Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, George Washington Carver, and Barack Obama, there are countless other African Americans who've made a profound impact in history. See how many of these prominent figures you know.

- A. Madam C.J. Walker
- B. Mae C. Jemison
- C. Daniel Hale Williams
- D. Garrett Morgan
- E. Oprah Winfrey
- F. Carter G. Woodson
- G. Jean-Michel Basquiat
- H. Fredrick Douglas
- I. Ella Baker
- J. Claudia Gordon
- K. Dorothy Pitman Hughes
- L. Ida B. Wells
- M. Katherine Johnson
- N. Henrietta Lacks
- O. Zora Neale Hurston

1. _____ Entrepreneur, philanthropist, and political and social activist. Recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in America.
2. _____ A feminist, child-welfare advocate, African-American activist, public speaker, author, pioneering African-American small business owner, and mother of three daughters.
3. _____ American general surgeon, who in 1893 performed what is referred to as "the first successful heart surgery".
4. _____ He astonished the New York scene by making the transition from unknown graffiti artist to internationally acclaimed Neo-Expressionist in just a couple of years.
5. _____ An American historian, author, journalist, and the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.
6. _____ An American author, anthropologist, and filmmaker. She portrayed racial struggles in the early-1900s American South and published research on hoodoo.
7. _____ American engineer, physician, and former NASA astronaut. She became the first black woman to travel into space when she served as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour.

WHO'S WHO?

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8. _____ An African-American inventor, businessman, and community leader. His most notable inventions were a three-position traffic signal and a smoke hood notably used in a 1916 tunnel construction disaster rescue.
9. _____ African-American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman. After escaping from slavery in Maryland, he became a national leader of the abolitionist movement in Massachusetts and New York, becoming famous for his oratory and incisive antislavery writings.
10. _____ The first deaf Black female attorney in the United States. She currently works in the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs.
11. _____ African-American woman whose cancer cells are the source of the HeLa cell line, the first immortalized human cell line and one of the most important cell lines in medical research.
12. _____ An American talk show host, television producer, actress, author, and philanthropist.
13. _____ An American investigative journalist, educator, and early leader in the civil rights movement. She was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).
14. _____ An American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights
An African-American civil rights and human rights activist. She was a largely behind-the-scenes organizer whose career spanned more than five decades.

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14. M
13. L
12. E
11. N
10. J
9. H
8. D

7. B
6. O
5. F
4. G
3. C
2. K
1. A
Answers:

WORD SEARCH:

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|--------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| INJUSTICE | JUSTICE | OVERCOME | ROSA |
| PEACE | MARCH | DISCRIMINATION | PARKS |
| FREEDOM | SLAVERY | SEGREGATION | ACCEPTANCE |
| EMANCIPATION | ACTIVISM | ML KING | DIFFERENCES |
| RACISM | PREJUDICE | MALCOLM X | DIVERSITY |

DO YOU KNOW?

BLACK HISTORY TERMS



How many definitions can you define?
Match each vocabulary word from the right column with the definitions in the left column.

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| 1. _____ Unfair treatment of people based on the opinion that one race is better than another race or races | a. acceptance |
| 2. _____ Not the same | b. differences |
| 3. _____ Fairness | c. discrimination |
| 4. _____ The practice of separating groups | d. diversity |
| 5. _____ Strong dislike | e. equal rights |
| 6. _____ To control or rule others in a harsh or cruel way | f. exclude |
| 7. _____ A variety; several different things in a group or class | g. hatred |
| 8. _____ To judge others before knowing the facts about them | h. humanity |
| 9. _____ Not equal | i. inequality |
| 10. _____ The unfair treatment of others without fair or proper reason | j. injustice |
| 11. _____ The act of coming together as one | k. justice |
| | l. oppress |
| | m. peace |
| | n. prejudice |
| | o. race |
| | p. racism |
| | q. segregation |
| | r. separation |
| | s. similarities |
| | t. unity |

DO YOU KNOW?

BLACK HISTORY TERMS

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12. _____ Sympathy, kindness and compassion for others
13. _____ Unfair
14. _____ Being approved of and welcomed
15. _____ To leave out; keep out
16. _____ A group of people of common ancestry
17. _____ A state of calm or quiet
18. _____ The act of moving away from each other
19. _____ The same rights for all people
20. _____ Likeness; the state or quality of being similar

ANSWERS: 1-C; 2-B; 3-K; 4-Q; 5-G; 6-L; 7-D; 8-N; 9-I; 10-C; 11-T; 12-H; 13-J; 14-A; 15-F; 16-O; 17-M; 18-R; 19-E; 20-S

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SOLUTION

