

**COLLINSVILLE HIGH
SCHOOL**



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
2024**

A CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE!

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING “ The Black National Anthem”



Lift Every Voice and Sing – often called “The Black National Anthem” – was written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) and then set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954) in 1899. It was first performed in public in the Johnsons’ hometown of Jacksonville, Florida as part of a celebration of Lincoln’s Birthday on February 12, 1900 by a choir of 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School, where James Weldon Johnson was principal.

Lyrics

Lift every voice and sing, til earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of liberty, let our rejoicing rise, high is the listening
skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song, full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song, full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun, of our new day begun, let us march on til victory is won

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

What is it? Why do we celebrate it?

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

Carter G. Woodson
“Father of Black History”

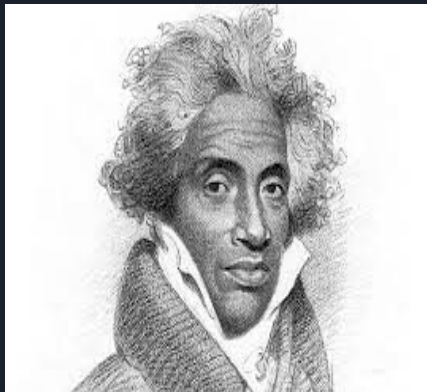


In 1986 President Ronald Reagan issued Presidential Proclamation 5443. It stated that the purpose of Black History Month is “to make all Americans aware of the struggle for freedom and equality that African Americans face, and to celebrate their many achievements.” Presidents, Ford, Carter, Bush, Clinton, and Obama have also made Black History Month Presidential Proclamations.

Black History Month - Week One

AFRICAN ROYALTY SOLD INTO SLAVERY

Abdulahman Ibrahim Ibn Sori



Abdulahman was kidnapped in Guinea, and shipped to America as a slave. He was enslaved 40 yrs, before being recognized by a traveling British surgeon. Abdulrahman was released, under the condition that he immediately return to Africa. Abdulrahman stayed in America long enough to raise funds to purchase his wife's freedom. He could not raise enough money to free his children. He died 4 months after returning to Africa. He was 67 years old.



[Click the video & the names for more information.](#)

Princess Anta Madjiuguene Ndiaye (Anna Kingsley)



13 year old Princess Anta was kidnapped from Senegal, and shipped to Cuba. She was purchased by Florida plantation owner Zephaniah Kingsley Jr. Anta and Zephaniah were married, and had 4 children. On her 18th birthday she was given her freedom. After the death of her husband, Anta would become one the wealthiest land & plantation owner in Florida. It took two centuries for the news of Anta's survival to reach her Kingdom in Africa. Celebrations are held in her honor in Africa, Haiti & Jacksonville Florida.

Black History Month - Week One

AFRICAN Kings & Queens



HANNIBAL - Ruler Of Carthage
(247-183 B.C.)
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King Hannibal of Carthage

The greatest military general in history!

Battled Rome with his large army that included elephants.



King Mansa Musa of Mali Empire

The richest man of all time!

(\$400 billion net worth)



King Shaka of Zulu

Warrior King

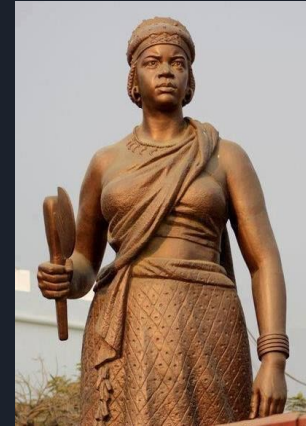
Created Zulu Warriors



Queen Nana Yaa Asantewaa of the Asante Kingdom of Ghana

Warrior Queen

Commander-in-Chief of the Asante Army



Queen Nzingha of the Ambundu Kingdoms

Warrior Queen

Fought off Portuguese slave traders for 40 yrs.



Princess Aqualtune Ezgondidu Mahamud Da Silva Santos of the Kongo

Warrior Princess

Led 10,000 men in the battle of Mbwila against the Portuguese.

Black History Month - Week Two

African American Inventors

11 Famous Black Inventors

Thomas Jennings

Mark Dean

Madam CJ Walker

Dr. Shirley Jackson

Charles Richard Drew

Marie Van Brittan Brown

George Carruthers

Dr. Patricia Bath

Jan Ernst Matzeliger

Alexander Miles

George Washington Carver



Black History Month - Week Three

African American Pioneers - Cowboys

[Nat Love](#)



[Bill Pickett](#)



[Bass Reeves](#)

The Real Lone Ranger



[Ned Huddleston](#)

1 out of 5 Cowboys were African American

The term cowboy has interesting origins. Originally, White cowboys were called cowhands, and African Americans were pejoratively referred to as “cowboys.” African American men being called “boy” regardless of their age stems from slavery and the plantation era in the South.

CLICK ON EACH NAME FOR MORE INFO!

Black History Month - Week Three

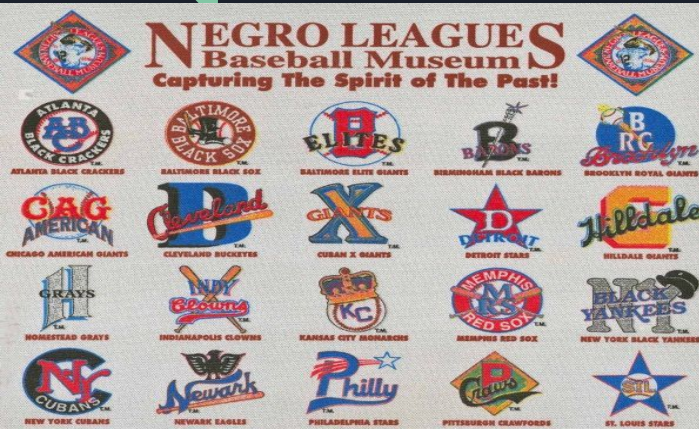
African American Pioneers - Tuskegee Airmen



The Tuskegee Airmen - The Tuskegee Airmen were the first black military aviators in the U.S. Army Air Corps (AAC), a precursor of the U.S. Air Force. Trained at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama, they flew more than 15,000 individual sorties in Europe and North Africa during World War II.

Black History Month - Week Three

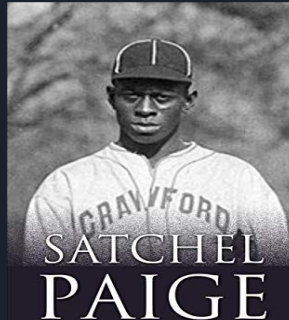
African American Pioneers - The Negro League



NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL 1920 - 1950



Detroit Cubs semi-pro team in 1935 (probably at Hamtramck Stadium)



Black History Month - Week Three

African American Pioneers

Black Hollywood



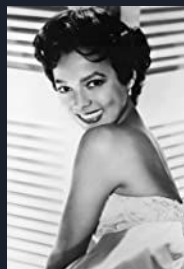
Hattie McDaniel



Paul Robeson



Sidney Poitier



Dorothy Dandridge



Stepin Fetchit



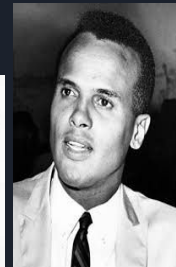
Pearl Bailey



Cab Calloway



Matthew Beard
Stymie



Harry Belafonte



Brock Peters

Click [Black Hollywood](#) for more info!

Black History Month - Week Three

African American Pioneers

Children of the Civil Rights Movement



Ruby Bridges



Emmett Till

Girl, 15, Guilty In Bus Seat Case

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A 15-year-old girl who refused to move to the rear of a city bus was found guilty in Juvenile court here last Friday on charges of assault and battery, disorderly conduct and with violating a city ordinance which makes it "unlawful for any passenger to refuse or fail to take those seats assigned to the race which it serves with a Negro woman when jumps."

The girl, Claudette Colvin, was declared a ward of the state and placed on probation pending good behavior for the year. She said the women put on indefinite probation.

Negro Girl Found Guilty Of Segregation Violation

A 15-year-old Negro girl was found guilty in Juvenile court here last Friday on charges of assault and battery, disorderly conduct and with violating a city ordinance which makes it "unlawful for any passenger to refuse or fail to take those seats assigned to the race which it serves with a Negro woman when jumps."



Claudette Colvin



The Little Rock Nine

Click each picture for more information

Black History Month - Week Four

New Generation Civil Rights Pioneers



Tamika Mallory
Activist



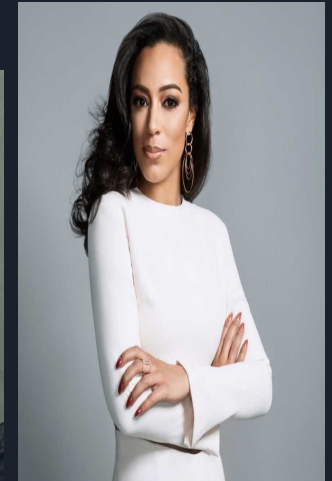
Lee Merritt
Civil Rights Attorney



Stacey Abrams
Politician
Attorney / Activist



Dr. Ibram Kendi
Writer/ Activist



Angela Rye
Attorney
Political Activist

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There is more to be done. Slavery is an enemy.

<https://freetheslaves.net/about-us/mission-vision-history/>