

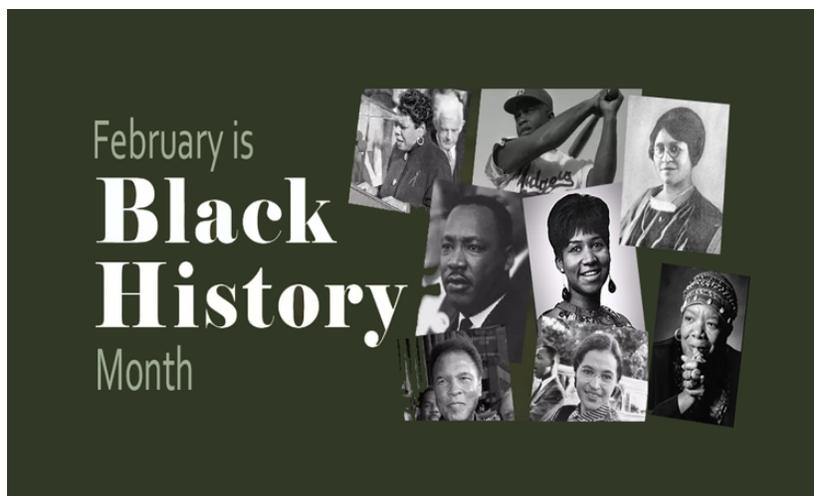
What is Black History Month?

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Black History Month is when we learn and celebrate about the Famous Black Heros that helped and fought for African-Amerian from slavley and helped get justice.

Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is 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, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

The most known African Americans are Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. , Harriet Tubman, Jackie Robionson and many more. These are the most famous Black Americans who made a difference so that they impact the future of tomorrow.



The precursor to **Black History Month** was created in 1926 in the United States, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of **Negro** Life and **History** announced the second week of February to be "**Negro History Week**".

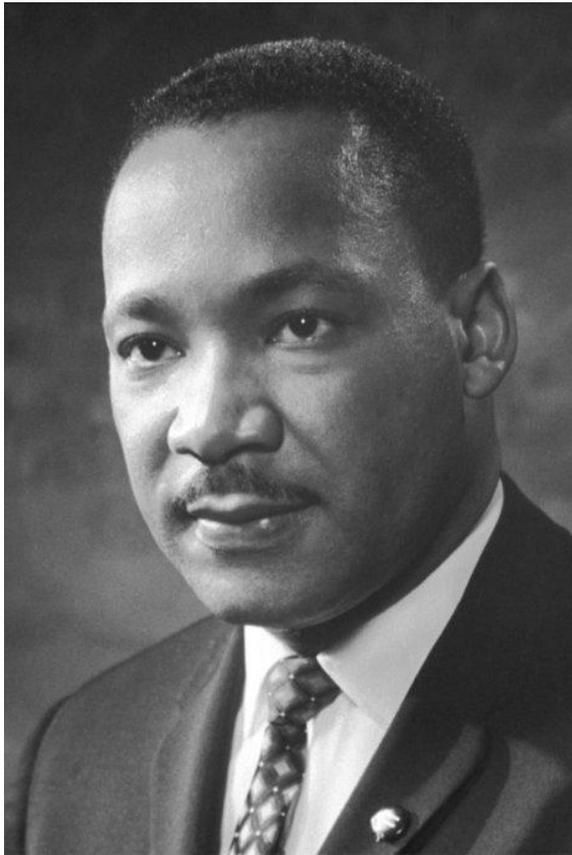
**Black History Month** is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of **blacks** in U.S. **history**. The event grew out of "Negro **History Week**," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G.



Rosa Parks: Rosa Louise McCauley Parks was an American activist in the civil rights movement best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery bus boycott. The United States Congress has called her "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement".

Rosa Parks is known for the Montgomery bus boycott that she was arrested for, Called "the mother of the

civil rights movement," Rosa Parks invigorated the struggle for racial equality when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama. Parks' arrest on December 1, 1955 launched the **Montgomery Bus Boycott** by 17,000 black citizens.



**Martin Luther King Jr.** Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968.

Martin LK Jr was known for his most famous speech "I Have A Dream" in 1963 also is known for his contributions to the **American civil rights movement** in the 1960s. In which he spoke of his dream of a United States that is void of segregation and racism. King also advocated for nonviolent methods of protest. He organized and staged countless marches and boycotts during the civil rights

movement. He was a very good man.

There are many more African- American Heroes who did good for the Black Community to make a change for today and the future of tomorrow and this is why we celebrate

and continue to learn about Black History Month and how it is important to know these facts so when you learn about the Black Community and all it's accomplishments and why these great people did what they did the our community.

Fun fact: Martin and I have the same birthday January 15