BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Americans have long celebrated our Nation as a beacon of liberty and opportunity -- home to patriots who threw off an empire, refuge to multitudes who fled oppression and despair. Yet we must also remember that while many came to our shores to pursue their own measure of freedom, hundreds of thousands arrived in chains. Through centuries of struggle, and through the toil of generations, African Americans have claimed rights long denied. During National African American History Month, we honor the men and women at the heart of this journey -- from engineers of the Underground Railroad to educators who answered a free people's call for a free mind, from patriots who proved that valor knows no color to demonstrators who gathered on the battlefields of justice and marched our Nation toward a brighter day.

As we pay tribute to the heroes, sung and unsung, of African-American history, we recall the inner strength that sustained millions in bondage. We remember the courage that led activists to defy lynch mobs and register their neighbors to vote. And we carry forward the unyielding hope that guided a movement as it bent the arc of the moral universe toward justice. Even while we seek to dull the scars of slavery and legalized discrimination, we hold fast to the values gained through centuries of trial and suffering.

Every American can draw strength from the story of hard-won progress, which not only defines the African-American experience, but also lies at the heart of our Nation as a whole. This story affirms that freedom is a gift from God, but it must be secured by His people here on earth. It inspires a new generation of leaders, and it teaches us all that when we come together in common purpose, we can right the wrongs of history and make our world anew.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2014 as National African American History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

BARACK OBAMA

THE WHITE HOUSE
IIP Resources—Pamphlet Series

African American Leaders
2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act and IIP highlights the lives of 11 important African American leaders in a series of pamphlets.

Ben Carson, Neurosurgeon
Ben Carson led a 70-member surgical team that performed the first successful operation to separate conjoined twins who were joined at the head.

Lynn Nottage, Playwright
Lynn Nottage received a MacArthur “genius” grant and won the Pulitzer Prize for drama.

Oprah Winfrey, TV Host, Philanthropist
Oprah Winfrey was the first African American to rank among the 50 most generous American philanthropists.

Mae Jemison, Doctor, Scientist, Astronaut
Doctor and scientist Mae Jemison was the first African-American woman in space.

Earl Stafford, Philanthropist
Earl Stafford’s foundation has given more than $1 million to provide health, education and training to people in poor communities.

Catherine L. Hughes
Catherine L. Hughes was forced to live in the studio of her first radio station. The company grew to become the largest African American–owned broadcasting.

Shonda Rhimes, TV Writer, Producer
Shonda Rhimes is the creator, head writer and executive producer of the successful U.S. television drama Grey’s Anatomy.

Johnnetta B. Cole, Multifaceted Academic
Johnnetta B. Cole was the first African-American woman to lead Spelman College, a historically black school for women in Atlanta.
Ursula Burns
Corporate Executive

Ursula Burns is the first African-American woman to head a Fortune 500 company.

Will Allen, Urban Farmer

Will Allen hopes to make fresh, locally grown food available in low-income urban neighborhoods across America.

Elizabeth Alexander, Poet

Elizabeth Alexander is one of only four poets to have participated in a presidential inauguration.

Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.: A Day to Serve Others

In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to end racial segregation and racial discrimination.

Poster: His Day Is Done

Maya Angelou’s poem upon the death of Nelson Mandela celebrates the life and legacy of the great man on behalf of the American people.

Hip-Hop: From the Streets to the Mainstream

From its roots in the South Bronx during the 1970s, hip-hop has become a global phenomenon. Young artists worldwide are using deejaying, rap, and break dancing.
Books

**Stories of African American Achievement**
This publication is a collection of profiles of remarkable men and women who have made significant contributions to U.S. society from the nineteenth century to the present day. July 2010.

**Free At Last - The U.S. Civil Rights Movement**

**Making Their Mark: Black Women Leaders**
This issue profiles African-American women of the 20th and 21st centuries who have made significant contributions to many spheres of American life. February 2012.

Photo Gallery

**Visionaries: African Americans Tell Their Stories**
For nearly a decade, the National Visionary Leadership Project (NVLP) has collected the oral histories of extraordinary African-American elders who helped shape America's culture and history. This photo gallery offers a selection of clips featuring Dorothy Height, Toni Morrison, Maya Angelou, Carmen de Lavallade, Odetta and Coretta Scott King. March 2011.

Video

**Black History Month Female Changemakers: La’Shanda Holmes**
This video was produced by the Department of State’s Bureau of International Information Programs in January 2012. The speakers are Lieutenant Junior Grade La’Shanda Holmes, the first female African-American helicopter pilot for the U.S. Coast Guard, and Commander Timothy J. Schang. February 2012.
Select eLibraryUSA databases

**Black Culture in the United States**
This collection of videos from Black Studies in Video offers award-winning documentaries, newsreels, interviews and archival footage surveying the evolution of black culture in the United States.

**Civil Rights Movement**
Articles about the history of the civil rights movement can be found in Smithsonian collections online.

**African American History**
Available in the History section of the Gale Virtual Reference Library, the third volume of the Encyclopedia of African American History highlights key figures in the civil rights movement.

Journals in eLibraryUSA

**African American Review (AAR)**
Frequency - Quarterly
Available in Gale Cengage Academic OneFile
AAR is a scholarly collection of insightful essays by renowned writers and cultural critics on African American literature, theatre, film, the visual arts, and culture and includes interviews; poetry; fiction; and book reviews.

**Black Enterprise**
Frequency - Monthly
Available in EBSCOhost Business Source Premier
Full text from - 1990 to Present.
Black enterprise is the premier business and investing wealth-building resource for African Americans.

**Black Music Research Journal (BMRJ)**
Frequency - Semiannual
Available in Gale Cengage Academic OneFile
Full text from March 22, 1997 to present.
A scholarly journal about the philosophy, aesthetics, history, and criticism of black music.
There Is Nothing Wrong with Black Students by Jawanza Kunjufu. African American Images, 02/2012.


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Videos

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Webliography

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http://afroamhistory.about.com/

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Amistad Research Center
http://www.amistadresearchcenter.org/

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)
http://www.asalh.org/index.html

Association of African-American Museums
http://www.blackmuseums.org/

Digital Librarian: Best of the Web – African-Americans

Duke University – Digital Collection
http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/collections/

Educational Technology Clearinghouse - African American Literature
http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/collections/3/african-american-literature/

The Hurston / Wright Foundation
http://www.hurstonwright.org/

Indiana University – Black Film Center/Archive
http://www.indiana.edu/~bfca/

Library of Congress: African American History Month
http://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/african-american.html

Museum of African American History, Boston
http://www.afroammuseum.org/

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
http://www.naacp.org/

National Civil Rights Museum
http://www.civilrightsmuseum.org/

New York Public Library, Digital Schomburg African American Women Writers of the 19th Century: A Selection of Published Works
http://digital.nypl.org/schomburg/writers_aa19/toc.html

PAL: Perspectives on American Literature – August Wilson (1945-2005)
http://web.csustan.edu/english/reuben/pal/chap8/wilson.html

PAL: Perspectives in American Literature: Research and Reference Guide—Harlem Renaissance, 1919-1937

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey - Women of Color, Women of Words

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture
http://www.nypl.org/locations/schomburg

Smithsonian Institution – National Museum of African-American History and Culture
http://nmaahc.si.edu/

University of Minnesota Voices from the GAPS - Women Artists and Writers of Color
http://voices.cla.umn.edu/

University of Virginia Electronic Text Center - African Americans
http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/subjects/African-American.html

U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service - Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial
http://www.nps.gov/mlkm/index.htm

U.S. National Archives and Records Administration - Black History

WEB Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Research
http://hutchinscenter.fas.harvard.edu/dubois

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