

Black History Month: February 2023

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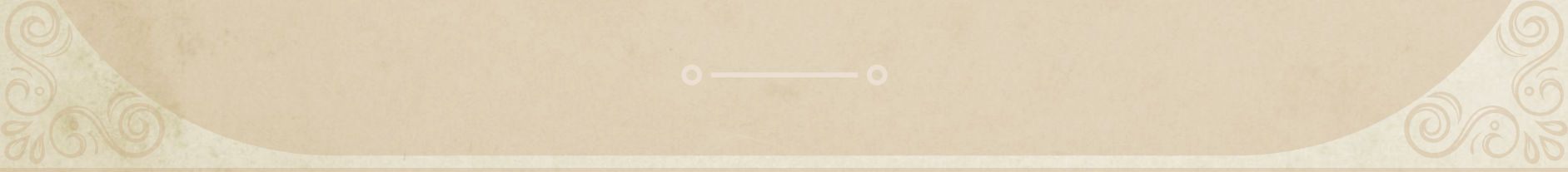


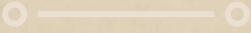


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Black History Month

An annual celebration of achievements by African Americans,
and a time to recognize their contributions and role in U. S.
History.



Harriet Tubman

Birthdate: around 1820

Birthplace: Dorchester County, Maryland on a plantation

Interesting fact: her parents called her Minty

Contributions

Harriet Tubman is most well known for leading slaves to freedom.

When she was 12, she saw a boss lift a weight to throw on a slaves head. She jumped in the way, and the weight hit her. The weight caused her head to cut and bleed. After this, she had headaches and was unable to sleep for most of her life. That didn't stop her.

In 1849, with her brothers, they escaped the plantation they were slaves on.

Once to freedom, Harriet made many trips on the Underground Railroad and helped about 300 slaves to freedom.

Harriet was also a spy in the Civil War.



Martin Luther King Jr.

Yara, Lucy and Sam

He lived: January 15 1929 - April 4th 1968

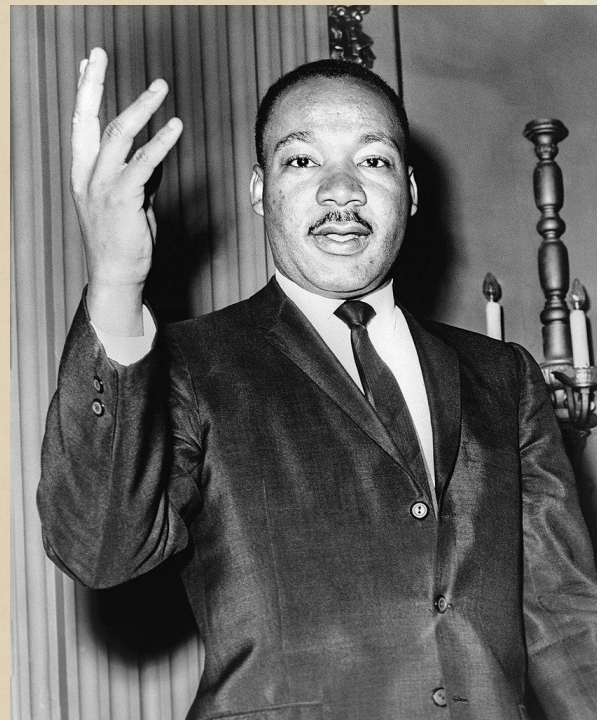
Birthplace: Atlanta, Georgia



Died: Memphis, Tennessee

Interesting fact: Martin Luther's name was not actually Martin. It was actually Michael.

More facts about Martin Luther King Jr:

- He entered college at the age of 15.
- He gave a speech 'I have a dream' on Aug 28, 1963.
- He was imprisoned about 29 times during his work to promote the Civil Rights Movement.
- He was shot (and almost died) giving a speech.
- He was the youngest person to receive a Nobel Peace Prize.
- He was born in a religious household.
- He married Coretta Scott.
- He, and George Washington, were the only 2 people to have their birthday a national holiday.





Martin Luther King J.R

Lucy

Birthdate: 1929

Birthplace: Atlanta, Georgia

Interesting fact: Martin led the Montgomery Bus boycott in 1955-1956 December 5th. He had a famous speech called “I have a dream” in 1963.

Contributions:

Bessie Elizabeth Coleman

Theodore and Lyla

Birthdate: 1/26/1892

Birthplace: Atlanta, TX

Interesting fact: Bessie Coleman performed as the first African American woman to fly public in 1922.

Contributions

Bessie Coleman was the first African-American female to be a licenced pilot in 1921.

Bessie Coleman had 12 siblings. She had 6 brothers and 6 sisters. Bessie Coleman lived 1892–1926!. Bessie Coleman died from a plane crash. She was 34 when she died. Bessie Coleman went to Langston University 1910-1911. Bessie Coleman survived a plane crash before death. Bessie Coleman died April-30th-1926 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Bessie Coleman's parents were Susan Coleman and George Coleman.

Bessie Coleman grew up in Waxahachie, TX. Bessie Coleman did not have any children. On January 30th, 1917, she married Claude Glenn.



Rosa Parks

Mia and Riley

Birthdate: February 4, 1913

Deathdate: October 24, 2005

Birthplace: Tuskegee, Alabama

Interesting fact: Graduated high school when less than 7% had a high school diploma

Fun Facts!!

She was called “The mother of the civil rights movement.”

She was arrested on December 1, 1955 for sitting in a white man’s bus seat, launching the Montgomery Bus Boycott involving 17,000 black citizens.

In 1983 she was put into the Michigan’s Women’s Hall of Fame.



Rosa Parks

Sara and Jalee

Birthdate : Feb 4, 1913

Birthplace: Tuskegee, AL

Interesting fact: Rosa Parks mom was a teacher and her father was a carpenter.

Interesting Facts

She graduated high school in 1933.

She got arrested for not giving a white person her seat in 1955.

Rosa Parks (1913-2005) helped start the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S.

Rosa was educated by her own mom because her mom was a teacher.

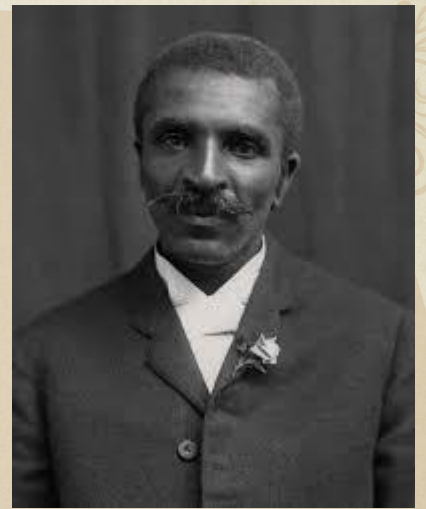


George Washington Carver

Birthdate: January 1st, 1864

Birthplace: Diamond, Missouri

Interesting fact: First African American to have a National Park named after him



FUN FACTS!!!

- .Invented peanut butter, and crop rotation
 - .won the Spingarn Award
 - .First African American to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree
 - .He developed more than 300 foods
- He died January 5th, 1943

By Jacob and Dean

Malcolm X

Jayden and Tommy

Birthdate: May 19, 1925
Birthplace: Omaha, Nebraska
Interesting fact: Malcolm X lived in Lansing, and in Detroit



Contributions

Malcolm X, is a Black leader who realized that we all can work together to fight for justice, and human rights. Malcolm X went from robbing, stealing, even going to jail, to being a human rights activist, and a black leader. At first, he was a spokesperson for the Nation of Islam and believed in having separate communities for Black people. After going to Mecca, he changed his name to El-Hajj Malik El Shabazz. This trip also changed his thinking, and made him focus on all of us working together as a community, no matter what race we are.

Serena Williams

Nena

Birthdate: Sept. 26, 1981

Birthplace: Saginaw, MI

Interesting fact: Serena retired from tennis in 2022, but came back to it in the same year



Serena Williams thinks that social media, and technology, have given African Americans the opportunity to show other people what has been happening for many, many years. - “Now we as black people have a voice-and technology has been a huge part of that”
“We see things that have been hidden for years, the things that we, as people have to go through, this has been happening for years. People just couldn’t pull out their phones and video it.”

She is married to Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian. The couple welcomed their first daughter, Alexis Olympia, in September 2017, despite health problems during pregnancy. She holds a combined **39 major titles** : 23 in singles, 14 in women’s doubles, and 2 in mixed doubles. Williams is by far the best female tennis player alive. Most say she is a G.O.A.T (Greatest of all time).

Muhamad Ali

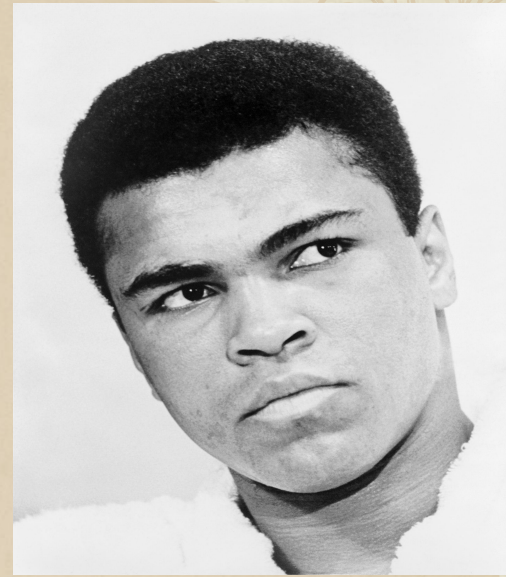
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Birth: January 17, 1942

Died: June 3rd, 2016

Birthplace: Louisville, KY

Interesting Facts: He was a famous boxer, and had 9 children, 4 wives, and also changed his name from Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. to Muhhamad Ali



CONTRIBUTIONS

- Muhamad Ali fought for Religious Rights and fought against racism.
- He was stripped of his heavyweight championship, and banned from boxing for 3 years after declining to join the Army!
- He was also an advocate for Humanitarian Causes, Religious Rights, and Civil Rights.
- His famous quote was, “Float like a butterfly sting, like a bee.”



Garrett Morgan

Mia & Riley & Melad

Birthdate: March 4, 1877

Death Date: July 27, 1963

Birthplace: Paris, KY (Kentucky)

Contributions

Garrett Morgan saved many lives while creating inventions, such as the traffic lights, gas masks, sewing machines, hair straightening products, and a safety helmet.

Fun Facts

- Morgan's occupations were handyman, tailor, and inventor
- He first moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, then moved to Detroit, Michigan
- Garrett's parents were free enslaved African Americans