

# 29 Days of Black History

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>If you know whence you came, there is really no limit to where you can go.</b> -James Baldwin, 20th-century poet, novelist, playwright and activist</p>				<p><b>1 Feb. 1, 1926</b> What is now known as Black History Month, was first celebrated on this date as Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson.</p>	<p><b>2 Feb. 2, 1948</b> President Truman sent Congress a message urging adoption of a civil rights program, with a fair employment practices commission, anti-lynching, and anti-poll tax measures.</p>	<p><b>3 Feb. 3, 1956</b> Autherine J. Lucy becomes the first black student to attend the University of Alabama.</p>
<p><b>4 Feb. 4, 1794</b> France abolishes slavery. The nation will have a lukewarm commitment to abolition and will, under Napoleon, reestablish slavery in 1802.</p>	<p><b>5 Feb. 5, 1990</b> Harvard University law student Barack Obama became the first African American named president of the Harvard Law Review.</p>	<p><b>6 Feb. 6, 1945</b> Bob Marley, Jamaican reggae star is born.</p>	<p><b>7 Feb. 7, 1967</b> Comedian, author, recording artist, actor, and talk show host Chris Rock was born in South Carolina.</p>	<p><b>8 Feb. 8, 1944</b> Harry S. McAlphin - First African American to accredited to attend White House press conference.</p>	<p><b>9 Feb. 9, 1944</b> The first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, Alice Walker was born of sharecroppers Willie Lee and Minnie Lou Grant Walker.</p>	<p><b>10 Feb. 10, 1966</b> Andrew Brimmer is appointed by President Johnson to become the first African-American governor of the Federal Reserve Board.</p>
<p><b>11 Feb. 11, 1644</b> First Black legal protest in America pressed by eleven Blacks who petitioned for freedom in New Netherlands (New York).</p>	<p><b>12 Feb. 12, 1956</b> In 1956, the first black late-night talk show host in history, Arsenio Hall was born.</p>	<p><b>13 Feb. 13, 1892</b> The first African American performers, the World's Fair Colored Opera Company, appear at Carnegie Hall.</p>	<p><b>14 Feb. 14, 1946</b> Gregory Oliver Hines was a renowned actor, dancer, singer and choreographer born in New York City, New York.</p>	<p><b>15 Feb. 15, 1848</b> Sarah Roberts barred from white school in Boston. Her father, Benjamin Roberts, filed the first school integration suit on her behalf.</p>	<p><b>16 Feb. 16, 1904</b> James Baskett, the first male African American to win an Academy Award, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana.</p>	<p><b>17 Feb. 17, 1891</b> A. C. Richardson, a black inventor, invented the churn, patent #466,470.</p>
<p><b>18 Feb. 18, 1896</b> Grenon, H. patents Razor Stropping Device Patent No. 554,867.</p>	<p><b>19 Feb. 19, 1942</b> The Army Air Corps' all African American 100th Pursuit Squadron was activated at Tuskegee Institute.</p>	<p><b>20 Feb. 20, 1927</b> Sidney Poitier an American actor and director, and the first African American to win the Academy Award for Best Actor, was born.</p>	<p><b>21 Feb. 21, 1940</b> Rep. John Lewis, U.S. Congressman and civil rights icon, who chaired the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee from 1963 to 1966, was born.</p>	<p><b>22 Feb. 22, 1888</b> In Pennsylvania, African American painter Horace Pippin was born. Pippin is considered one of the major American painters of his period.</p>	<p><b>23 Feb. 23, 1868</b> W.E.B. Du Bois, American sociologist, historian, author, editor, and activist who was the most important Black protest leader during the first half of the 20th century, was born.</p>	<p><b>24 Feb. 24, 2020</b> Katherine G. Johnson, the NASA mathematician who played a key role the American space race and whose story was featured in the film <i>Hidden Figures</i>, dies.</p>
<p><b>25 Feb. 25, 1965</b> Veronica Webb, an African American model, actress, writer, and first African American to have a major cosmetics contract with Revlon in 1992, was born.</p>	<p><b>26 Feb. 26, 1964</b> On this day in 1964, boxer Cassius Clay changed his name to Muhammad Ali.</p>	<p><b>27 Feb. 27, 1883</b> Walter B. Purvis patented hand stamp.</p>	<p><b>28 Feb. 28, 1932</b> Richard Spikes invented/patented the automatic gear shift.</p>	<p><b>29 Feb. 29, 1940</b> On this day, Hattie McDaniel became the first African American to win the Oscar Award for her role as 'Mammy' in the movie <i>Gone With The Wind</i>.</p>	<p><b>Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public.</b> -Cornel West, philosopher, political activist and social critic</p>	