

28 Days of Black History

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Truth is powerful and it prevails. — Sojourner Truth, abolitionist</p>			<p>1 Feb. 1, 1865 National Freedom Day: President Lincoln signed resolution that proposed the 13th Amendment which would abolish slavery.</p>	<p>2 Feb. 2, 1897 Alfred L. Cralle received patent #576395 for a lever-operated ice cream scoop, a design still widely used today.</p>	<p>3 Feb. 3, 2009 Eric H. Holder Jr. sworn in as the nation's first African American attorney general.</p>	<p>4 Feb. 4, 1913 Rosa Parks, civil rights pioneer who sparked the 1955 Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott, was born in Tuskegee, Alabama.</p>
<p>5 Feb. 5, 1934 Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron, hall of fame baseball player, was born in Mobile, Alabama.</p>	<p>6 Feb. 6, 1993 Arthur Ashe Jr., hall of fame tennis player, humanitarian and activist, dies.</p>	<p>7 Feb. 7, 1926 The first day of Negro History Week, originated by historian Carter G. Woodson. Negro History Week later became Black History Month.</p>	<p>8 Feb. 8, 1986 Debra Janine "Debi" Thomas became the first African American to win the United States National Ladies' Figure Skating title.</p>	<p>9 Feb. 9, 1995 Bernard Anthony Harris Jr. becomes first African American astronaut to walk in space.</p>	<p>10 Feb. 10, 1927 Mary Violet Leontyne Price, internationally acclaimed opera singer, was born in Laurel, Mississippi.</p>	<p>11 Feb. 11, 1990 Nelson Mandela of South Africa is released from prison after 27 years.</p>
<p>12 Feb. 12, 1909 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) founded.</p>	<p>13 Feb. 13, 1919 Edward Gay "Eddie" Robinson, hall of fame football coach, was born in Jackson, Louisiana.</p>	<p>14 Feb. 14, 1818 Frederick Douglass, abolitionist, women's suffragist, editor, author and statesman, was born in Tuckahoe, Maryland.</p>	<p>15 Feb. 15, 1968 Henry Lewis becomes the first African American to lead a symphony orchestra in the United States.</p>	<p>16 Feb. 16, 1904 James Baskett, first African American male actor to receive an Oscar, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana.</p>	<p>17 Feb. 17, 1936 James Nathaniel "Jim" Brown, hall of fame football player and actor, was born in St. Simons Island, Georgia.</p>	<p>18 Feb. 18, 1931 Toni Morrison, recipient of the 1993 Nobel Prize for Literature and the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for her novel Beloved, was born in Lorain, Ohio.</p>
<p>19 Feb. 19, 2002 Vionette Flowers becomes Winter Olympics' first African American gold medalist.</p>	<p>20 Feb. 20, 1927 Sidney Poitier, actor, director, author and diplomat, was born in Miami, Florida.</p>	<p>21 Feb. 21, 1940 John Robert Lewis, civil rights leader, politician and author, was born in Troy, Alabama.</p>	<p>22 Feb. 22, 1881 James Reese Europe, ragtime and jazz bandleader, arranger and composer, was born in Mobile, Alabama.</p>	<p>23 Feb. 23, 1868 William Edward Burghardt DuBois, civil rights activist, historian and author, was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.</p>	<p>24 Feb. 24, 1864 Rebecca Lee Crumpler becomes first African American woman to receive a medical degree (New England Female Medical College).</p>	<p>25 Feb. 25, 1870 Hiram R. Revels, first African American to serve in the U.S. Senate. He filled the seat once held by Jefferson Davis.</p>
<p>26 Feb. 26, 1965 Civil rights activist Jimmie Lee Jackson dies after being shot by state police in Marion, Alabama.</p>	<p>27 Feb. 27, 1897 Marian Anderson, world-renowned opera singer and civil rights activist, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>28 Feb. 28, 1984 Michael Jackson, musician and entertainer, wins eight Grammy Awards.</p>	<p>Those who say it can't be done are usually interrupted by others doing it. — James Baldwin, writer</p>			