

Celebrating Black History Month

February 2023



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Happy Birthday, **Langston Hughes**.
Read "The Negro Speaks of Rivers."

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Film: Watch the film *Passing*.

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Philip Emeagwali invented the world's first supercomputer.

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Happy Birthday, **Rosa Parks**, whose act of defiance helped end legal segregation.

Inventors, Writers, Scientists, Actors...

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Happy Birthday, **Hank Aaron**, who held the home run record for 33 years with 715!

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Google: **Gladys West**, inventor of Global Positioning System (GPS).

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Read Nobel Prize and Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist **Toni Morrison's** *Beloved*.

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In 1940, **Frederick McKinley Jones** patented the cooling system used in refrigerated trucks.

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Happy Birthday, **Alice Walker**, and thank you for *The Color Purple*.

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In 1923, **Garrett Morgan** invented the three-light traffic light we still use today.

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Octavia E. Butler, the first science fiction writer to receive a MacArthur Fellowship, wrote the novel *Kindred*.

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In 1948, **Alice Coachman** was the first African American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in the high jump.

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Read **Maya Angelou's** novel *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.

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Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Birthday, **Frederic Douglass**.

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Arthur Ashe was the first African American male to win the US Open, Australian Open, and Wimbledon.

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Barack Obama is the first African American and biracial President of the United States in 2008; reelected in 2012.

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Listen to **Sister Rosetta Tharpe**, the godmother of rock 'n' roll: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKK_EQ4pj9A

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Film: Watch **Katherine Johnson**, the human computer, in *Hidden Figures*.

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Bessie Coleman was the first African American/ Native American woman to earn a pilot's license.

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Read **Zora Neale Hurston's** *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.

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Dr. Alexa Canady is the first African American woman neurosurgeon in the United States.

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Listen to **Nina Simone's** music on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnT-27K_8KQs

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Happy Birthday, **W.E.B. Du Bois**, founding member of the NAACP in 1909.

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Read Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Alex Haley's** *Roots: The Saga of an American Family*.

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Read **James Baldwin's** novel *Giovanni's Room*.

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Kamala Harris is the first African American/Asian American Vice President of the United States.

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Google: Engineer, physician, and NASA astronaut **Mae Carol Jemison**.

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Watch every **Sidney Poitier** movie you can, starting with *A Raisin in the Sun*.

...Doctors, Athletes, World Leaders, and Musicians who changed our world.