Black History Across Many Fields

Name / chosen name: _____

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Ideas supported by the text

Black history is part of American history throughout the year. It includes families, communities, work, science, literature, sport and efforts to challenge slavery and racial discrimination. One biography cannot represent all Black people or experiences.

Use reliable records to ask what happened, when it happened and how people worked together. An achievement may involve changing knowledge, sharing skills or helping a community—not only being the first person to do something. Notice people and groups whose work is less often discussed.

Sources: Library of Congress and partner institutions — African American History Month

Harriet Tubman History Card

Name / chosen name: _____

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Supported details

- Escaped slavery in 1849
- Helped other enslaved people reach freedom
- The Underground Railroad was a network, not a railway

Accept a supported connection to the wider field or community. Avoid invented quotations or claims that one person represents everyone.

https://www.nps.gov/people/harriet-tubman.htm

Frederick Douglass Writer and Speaker

Name / chosen name: _____

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Supported details

- Escaped slavery in 1838
- Published his first autobiography in 1845
- Founded The North Star in 1847

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https://www.nps.gov/frdo/learn/kidsyouth/chronology.htm

George Washington Carver Agricultural Science

Name / chosen name: _____

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Supported details

- Agricultural scientist and educator at Tuskegee
- Taught crop rotation and soil care
- Shared practical knowledge with farmers

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https://www.nps.gov/tuin/learn/historyculture/george-washington-carver.htm

Katherine Johnson Mathematics

Name / chosen name: _____

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Supported details

- NASA mathematician
- Checked calculations for John Glenn’s 1962 flight
- Used careful mathematical work within a team

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https://www.nasa.gov/people-of-nasa/katherine-g-johnson/

Rosa Parks and Community Action

Name / chosen name: _____

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Supported details

- Civil rights activist
- Arrested in Montgomery on 1 December 1955
- A wider community organized the bus boycott

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https://www.nps.gov/people/rosa-parks.htm

Mae Jemison Science and Space

Name / chosen name: _____

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Supported details

- Physician and NASA astronaut
- Flew on STS-47 in September 1992
- First African American woman in space

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https://starchild.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/StarChild/whos_who_level2/jemison.html

Jackie Robinson and Baseball History

Name / chosen name: _____

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Supported details

- Joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947
- Broke the modern-era Major League Baseball color barrier
- His story is part of wider Black baseball and civil rights history

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https://www.nps.gov/people/jackie-robinson.htm

Maya Angelou Literature Research

Name / chosen name: _____

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Supported details

- Writer, poet and performer
- Published I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings in 1969
- A memoir records a person’s experiences

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https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/maya-angelou

Black History Source Detective

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What to look for

A response that follows the instructions, communicates an idea and uses a reason or source where requested. Original creative work and different preferences are welcome. Do not grade personal identity, family details or access needs.

Offer a smaller first step, an adult reading prompts, pointing, a scribe or a partner. For an extension, ask the learner to explain a choice or improve an idea using evidence.