

# A LOOK INTO BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Many know Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks, the heroes of the civil rights movement that history *didn't* forget. Here is just a fraction of other African American leaders and heroes.

Black History Month celebrates a people rich in culture and full of progression worldwide. Celebrated in the month of February in the United States and Canada and October in the U.K., the month was originally a week in 1926. Black History Month became an official observance in 1976 by the US government, after a push for expansion from "Black History Week" from students at Kent State.

## MODERN HISTORY

Just because there's a history month does not mean black history is done. It happens every day.



### W.E.B. Du Bois (1868-1963)

An academic and civil rights leader who co-founded the NAACP. He advocated for the social equality of both African Americans and other people of color.



### Marcus Garvey (1887-1940)

A black nationalist and an influential leader in the 1920s. He promoted the creation of an autonomous black nation in Africa.



### Jane Bolin (1908-2007)

The first black woman to become a judge in the U.S. She advocated for black children, working to end segregation in child placement facilities and created a treatment center for delinquent boys.



### The Harlem Renaissance (1920s)

A period in the 1920s of great African American art and literature. Writers from this period include Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Richard Wright, and W.E.B Du Bois.



### Toni Morrison (1931-Present)

A nobel prize winning novelist and professor. In 2012, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



### The Civil Rights Movement (1960s)

Continues to this day, but particularly roared in the mid-1960s. The advocacy for the equality and rights for black people had leaders including Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, and Stokely Carmichael. Events included the March on Washington, the signing of the Civil Rights Act, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.



### Mae Jemison (1956-Present)

In 1992, Mae Jemison became the first black woman to travel into space. She served in the peace corps for two years and now teaches at Cornell University.



### Barack Obama (1961-Present)

Became the first black president of the United States in 2009 and was elected to a second term.



### #BlackLivesMatter (Today)

Since the shooting of Mike Brown in Aug. 2014, protests have erupted nationally and worldwide over the deaths of several black adolescents by law enforcement officers. The movement promotes the humanity of African Americans in the United States.