



## Let's Celebrate Black History!

Black History Month was originally established as *Negro History Week* in the 1920's by Carter G. Woodson. February was chosen for this celebration because Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln were both born in this month. Black History Month was extended to a month-long celebration in 1976 and is an opportunity for all Americans to realize the history and achievements of African Americans.

Apologies in advance for any repeated links.

### [Three-Way Match: Famous Black Americans](#)

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### [A Black History Treasure Hunt](#)

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### [Five Lessons in Black History](#)

Primary source materials teach about Rosa Parks, school integration, and the growth of the African-American population throughout history. Plus: Students create a database/timeline and write a rap about a famous figure in Black History. More!

### [Lessons to Celebrate Black History Month](#)

Ten innovative activities to help you incorporate the African-American experience into your curriculum all year long.

### [Langston Hughes Was a Dreamer Too](#)

Learn how Langston Hughes expressed his dreams through poetry. (Grades 2-12)

### [Now Let Me Fly -- A Black History Reader's Theater Script](#)

Celebrate Black History Month by staging a classroom production of this play. (Grades 3-12)

### [Celebrating African American History Month](#)

Lesson plans to encourage students to explore the history of African Americans, learn about their struggles, and celebrate their successes.

### [The Road to Freedom: Using the WWW to Teach About Slavery](#)

These activities will help students trace the journey to freedom and learn about some of

the heroes who paved the way. Included: Activities for teaching about slavery across the grades and the curriculum.

### **[Climb Aboard the Underground Railroad T.O.U.R.](#)**

An online project for those studying the Underground Railroad. Project coordinators say, "Climb aboard!" You will share, learn, and uncover a bit of America's lost past.

### **[Brown v. Board of Education Celebrates 50 Years](#)**

On the fiftieth anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in the case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, Education World offers this special lesson planning resource. Included: Links to more than 3 dozen lessons.

### **[An Experiment in Unfair Treatment/Prejudice](#)**

Pauline Finlay, who teaches at Holy Trinity Elementary School in Torbay, Newfoundland (Canada), submitted this lesson, which offers a simple experiment to help launch a discussion of unfair treatment and prejudice/bias. (Grades 3-12)

### **[The African American Experience: A Research Quilt](#)**

Introduce students to the research process as they construct a quilt square highlighting the achievements of a famous Black American. Share the quilt with your community.

### **[A Mirror Into History](#)**

Students create poems about themselves *and* a famous African American. They will see that they are not so different from the great people of our past and present.

### **[Famous African-American Fabric Portraits](#)**

Doris Metcalf, who recently retired from the Florence (Alabama) City Schools, submitted this lesson, in which students create a fabric-portrait exhibit of famous African Americans. (Grades 6-12)

### **[The Amistad Comes to Life!](#)**

Activities across the grades and across the curriculum bring to life the story of the revolt on the Amistad.

### **[Habari Gani? -- What's the News?](#)**

Learn about Kwanzaa, the world's fastest growing holiday, with these activities and Internet links.

### **[Martin Luther King](#)**

Education World presents a special Martin Luther King Day archive page that includes articles, lesson ideas, books, activities, and much more.

### **[Martin Luther King, Jr., Teaches Many Lessons](#)**

The life of American hero Martin Luther King, Jr., offers many teaching opportunities. In these lessons, Education World presents cross-curricular and cross-grade lessons teachers

can use to share King's life and legacy with students. Included: More than 20 lessons.

### **Happy Birthday, MLK!**

Just in time to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday -- activities across the grades for learning about the life of the famous civil rights leader!

### **Schools Celebrate Martin Luther King and His Dream**

Each January many schools celebrate the life of Martin Luther King by bringing to life his words and his dream. Learn what some schools, including three that bear his name, do to keep the meaning of this holiday foremost in the minds of their students.

### **Teaching @ Tolerance**

Martin Luther King dreamed of a world more tolerant than the one he lived in. These five lessons are designed to teach students about King's dream of tolerance. Included: Lessons on stereotyping, appreciating differences, recognizing how words can hurt (or heal), and more.

### **Some R-E-S-P-E-C-T (Lessons) Just for You!**

Aretha and Rodney are *always* talking about respect; now it's Ed World's turn! If your students lack it or could stand to learn more about it, we offer five lessons this week to get them talking and thinking about R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

### **Outgroup Experiment Reveals Bias, Stereotyping**

Marcie Pachter, who teaches at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth, Florida, submitted this week's lesson, which includes an activity to let students experience the bias and stereotyping often experienced by people who are different. (Grades 6-12)

### **Heroic Activities to Celebrate Heroes**

Everyone has a hero -- someone to look up to or admire. Education World offers ten lessons to get students thinking about their heroes. Included: Students create a picture book about their heroes, develop holidays honoring their favorite heroes, create memorials for animal heroes, and more.

### **I Have a Dream**

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s words are brought to life in this book from Scholastic Press.

### **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Scavenger Hunt**

An Internet scavenger hunt for students in grades 2-6. Use the Web site provided to learn about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Student work sheet included.

### **Stamp on Black History**

A site based on the US Postal Service's collection of Black History-related stamps.

Information includes biographies, activities and art.

### **[Books Celebrate Black History](#)**

Explore the Black experience with this handful of titles which run the genre gamut from history to biography to poetry.

**[1001 Postcards Martin Luther King Day](#)** Email an electronic postcard to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Personalize and add music to each card.

**[Amazon.com Cards Black History Month](#)** Internet superstore offers a collection of electronic cards that celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. and Black History Month.

### **[Black History](#)**

**[Chicago Public Library Martin Luther King, Jr. Day](#)** Features a list of the library's resources regarding Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Check out the FAQs and the related links.

### **[Childfun Themes: Martin Luther King](#)**

**[Greetsomeone.com Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#)** Peruse this company's Martin Luther King Jr. Day electronic card offerings. Customize the cards and send them to friends.

**[Martin Luther King Day Quotes](#)** Peruse a collection of statements made by Martin Luther King, Jr. which reveal his spiritual values.

### **[Martin Luther King Day: Ideas For Pre-K Educators](#)**

**[Time line of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)** Timeline of the life of Dr. King, complete with a WebQuest and links designed for the primary classroom.

### **[Great Sites for Teaching About the Underground Railroad](#)**

Ten Web sites among the best on the Web for teaching about the Underground Railroad.

### **[Black History on the Internet](#)**

Explore the best Black History sites for primary, middle, and high school level students. Activity and lesson ideas included!

### **[So You Want to Teach About the Amistad?](#)**

Rich curriculum materials are available for teaching across the grades about this pivotal event in American history.

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### **[Activities Celebrate Achievements of African Americans](#)**

Activities that reflect the positive impact black Americans have had on our nation's history, including Internet-based activities to celebrate Black History Month.

- [This lesson is on Black History Month](#)
  - [This lesson deals exclusively with Martin Luther King](#)
  - [This lesson on Concept Formation involves Equality Under the Law](#)
  - [Here's a well developed Internet Project for teaching about the Civil Rights Movement](#)
  - [This lesson is for studying Kenya](#)
  - [This is brief idea on the Underground Railroad](#)
  - [A lesson on African Art and Tribal Tattoos](#)
  - [This lesson focuses on using Art to Record History and involves Martin Luther King Jr. and Faith Ringgold](#)
  - [This lesson involves Martin Luther King Jr. and Faith Ringgold to make a Quilt to Record History](#)
  - [This lesson is on Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad](#)
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- [This lesson looks at Black History in Western Expansion in America](#)
  - [In this civil rights lesson, students experience what discrimination is like](#)
  - This exceptional interdisciplinary 10-day unit explores the secrets of the *Underground Railroad*:
    - [Unit introduction, timeline, essential questions, objectives, national standards, adaptations](#)

- [Day 1: Derailment of Human Rights:  
A Life of Slavery](#)
- [Day 2: Conductors of Freedom:  
The Role of Abolitionists and Quakers in the UGR Movement](#)
- [Day 3: Hear the Whistle Blow! -  
Musical Messages of Freedom](#)
- [Day 4: Tracking the Quilting Codes](#)
- [Day 5: Tracking the Quilting Codes - Continued](#)
- [Day 6: Underground Research](#)
- [Day 7: Underground Research - Continued](#)
- [Day 8: Route to Freedom:  
Mapping North Carolina's UGR routes](#)
- [Day 9: Riding the Rails:  
Personal Journeys to Freedom](#)
- [Day 10: Riding the Rails:  
Personal Journeys to Freedom - Continued](#)
- [UGR Unit Rubrics](#)
  - [Project Rubric](#)
  - [Presentation Rubric](#)
  - [Map Rubric](#)
  - [Diary Writing Rubric](#)
  - [Cooperative Group Work Rubric](#)
  - [Self-Report Affective Assessment Rubric](#)
- [UGR Unit Bibliography And Weblibliography](#)

- [This lesson explores the influence Langston Hughes and his poetry had on history](#)
- [Here is a jazz musicians crossword puzzle idea](#)
- [In "All that Jazz," students create a collage in the style of African-American artist Romare Bearden](#)
- [This lesson will help your students appreciate diversity](#)
- [Students print meaningful geometric Adinka Design patterns in the Ashanti tradition in this multi-disciplinary lesson](#)
- [This lesson explores "The Color of We" with puppetry, poetry and paint-mixing](#)
- [These "America" poems show how gender and race influence a poet's viewpoint](#)
- [Coretta Scott King Award-Winner books are introduced to children in this literature lesson](#)
- [This empowering lesson plan utilizes an economically-centered African American board game](#)
- [This Rosa Parks history lesson incorporates reading comprehension as well](#)
- [This civil rights lesson is based on the movie "Remember the Titans"](#)
- [In this Modern American Abstract Art history lesson, subjects are depicted by the content of their character](#)
- [This Non-Objective Art lesson also ties in with Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month](#)
- [This "sending Pocket Poems to our troops" idea has its roots in Black History](#)

- [This is an African-American music history awareness lesson](#)
- [This is an African-American history research scavenger hunt](#)
- [Here students compose their own version of Dr. King's "I have a Dream" speech](#)
- [This multidisciplinary unit focuses on the significance of Martin Luther King Day and the civil rights movement](#)
- [This "Youth and the Civil Rights Movement" research project uses Kuhlthau's ISP and subject directories](#)
- The National Visionary Leadership Project has produced a free web-based multimedia lesson on the [Civil Rights Movement](#).

### **Database Resources**

- \* [African-American Culture](#)

### **Crafts**

- \* [Crafts and Activities](#)
- \* [Art-Based Projects](#)

### **Sounds**

- \* [Black History Audio](#)
- \* [History of Jazz](#)
- \* [Black History in Music](#)
- \* [Black History Month Speeches](#)
- \* [Black History Month Video](#)

### **Recipes**

- \* [Sesame Cookies](#)
- \* [Cooking African-American Style](#)
- \* [African Food for Black History Month](#)

### **Activities**

- \* [Crossword Puzzle](#)
- \* [Word Search Puzzle](#)
- \* [Coloring Pages](#)
- \* [Pre-School Activities](#)

### **Games**

- \* [Kool Games](#)
- \* [Online African Games](#)
- \* [Mankala Counting Game](#)
- \* [Black History Month Quiz](#)



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\* [Online African Games](#)

### **[A Photomontage of Dr. King in His Own Words](#)**

Martin Luther King's words still hold a stunning power and grace more than 30 years after his death in Memphis on April 4, 1968. In honor of the holiday commemorating King's birthday, TIME.com presents a gallery of photographs by famed civil rights movement photographer Flip Schulke, accompanied by King's own words on nonviolence, race and his dream for the future of America.

### **[Gale Free Resources for Black History Month](#)**

See the many free resources available for honoring black Americans this month.

[Scholastic](#) has so many free resources that they cannot all be listed in this hot list. Most are of very high quality such as the one on the Underground Railroad at the link above.