



We should emphasize not Negro history,
but the Negro in history.
—Dr. Carter G. Woodson
If you understand the
beginning well,
the end will not trouble you.
—Ghanaian Proverb

CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Those who have no record of what their forebearers have accomplished
lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and
history. "Let us banish fear."

CULTURAL RENAISSANCE

They not only called us Negroes, they made us Negroes, things that
don't know where they came from and don't even care that they don't
know. Negro is a state of mind, and they massacred our minds.
—Queen Mother Moore

CULTURAL EDUCATION

The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their
own understanding of their history.
—Author George Orwell

If you know the greatness from which you have come then that can begin
to give you the keys to rebuild what you can be.
—Dr. Na'im Akbar

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CULTURAL HONOR

You have to understand
culture or you can't
understand yourself; for you
are a historical creature.
—Dr. Jordan Peterson

CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE

We should reach back and gather the best of what
our past has to teach us so that we can achieve our
full potential as we move forward.

Sankofa

Until the lion has a historian, the hunter will always be a hero.

CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

We as Black people have to tell our own stories.
We have to document our history. When we
allow someone else to document our history the
history becomes twisted and we get written out.
—Erykah Badu

CULTURAL AWARENESS

CULTURAL JUSTICE

History is a people's memory, and without a memory,
man is demoted to the lower animals.
—El Hajj Malik El Shabazz (Malcolm X)

Culture is to people as water is to a fish,
invisible, pervasive and essential.
—Professor Wade Noble

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The American Negro must remake his past in order to make
his future. History must restore what slavery took away.
—Arthur Schomburg

The more you know of your history,
the more liberated you are.
—Poet Laureate Maya Angelou

You are never thoroughly educated
until you imbibe racial education.
—Marcus Garvey



If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a
negligible factor in the thought of the world and it stands
in danger of being exterminated.

—Dr. Amos Wilson

CULTURAL FREEDOM

There have been many misrepresentations, mis-understandings and
fallacies about African Americans that must be corrected. Our culture
begins with our achievements, as these are the seeds of our greatness,
planted by GOD, on our own we would be like a ship without a sail.
—Helen L. Edmond

CULTURAL CONTINUITY

The role of history is to tell a people what they have been, where
they have been, what they are and where they are.

—Dr. John Henrik Clarke

CULTURAL DIGNITY

History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can
give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our
common humanity, so that we can better face the future.
—Robert Penn Warren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>27</div> <div>WEALTH</div> <div></div> <div>1946, Malcolm Little, began an eight year sentence for burglary. Released in 1952 he took on the last name X.</div> <div>1924 b. Samella Lewis, printmaker; first tenured A. A. professor in art history at Scripps College</div> <div>1911 b. Ed Davis, Hall of fame auto dealer, the first A. A. to win a franchise to sell new cars</div> <div>1897 b. Marian Anderson, World famous A. A. opera singer</div> <div>1872, Charlotte Ray, became first African American female lawyer</div>	<div>28</div> <div>STRENGTH</div> <div></div> <div>1984, Michael Jackson wins eight Grammy Awards for, "Thriller", one of the top-grossing albums of all time.</div> <div>1965, Selma to Montgomery march called by Rev. James Bevel at Zion United Methodist Church, Marion, AL</div> <div>1956 b. Adrian Dantley, Hall of fame basketball player</div> <div>1945 b. Charles "Bubba" Smith, Former football</div> <div>1940, Richard Wright's first novel published, Native Son.</div> <div>1922, Egypt, gained independence</div>	<div>29</div> <div>BEAUTY</div> <div></div> <div>Leap Year Only</div> <div>1984 b. Cullen Jones, Gold Metal freestyle sprint swimmer.</div> <div>1948 b. Will Donnell Smith Successful fashion designer</div> <div>1940, Hattie McDaniel, Wins Best Supporting Actress as Mammy in Gone with the Wind.</div> <div>1892 b. Augusta Savage, First A. A. artist elected to the Nat'l Assoc. of Women Painters & Sculptors; bust titled Gamin, is on permanent display at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C.</div>	<div>1</div> <div>LOVE</div> <div></div> <div>LEGEND A. A. = African American b. = Born d. = Death</div> <div>1863 National Freedom Day 13th Amendment 1/6/1865 By Richard Wright President Truman Feb. 1, 1949, Federal Code</div> <div>1998, Lillian Fishburne, first A. A. female to hold the rank rear admiral in the US Navy</div> <div>1960, Greensboro, NC, First student "Sit-in" protest begins. Ends July 25, 1960</div> <div>1948 b. Rick James, Singer</div> <div>1902 b. Langston Hughes, poet social activist, novelist...</div>	<div>2</div> <div>JOY</div> <div></div> <div>2009, Eric Holder sworn in as U. S. Attorney General</div> <div>1977 b. Shakira, Colombian singer-songwriter, dancer</div> <div>1952 b. Pete Brown, First A. A. to win a Professional Golfers Association Tour.</div> <div>1935 b. Christine Taubira, Guyanese Economist, politician and writer on slavery.</div> <div>1915 b. John H. Franklin, former president of Phi Beta Kappa, the Org. of Am. Hist., the Am. Hist. Assoc., and Southern Historical</div> <div>1914 b. William Ellsworth, Artist</div>	<div>3</div> <div>EXCELLENCE</div> <div></div> <div>1926 b. Virgil Trice, Jr. Nuclear Scientist</div> <div>1920, Negro Baseball League, Founded</div> <div>1879, William White, first A. A. elected president of Major League Baseball's Nat'l League</div> <div>1879 b. Charles W. Follis, First A. A. professional football player, known as "The Black Cyclone"</div> <div>1870, The 15th Amendment was passed, A. A. Men gained the right to</div> <div>150 Years of the Right-To-Vote 2020 15th Amendment African American Males</div> <div>1870 Metal Horse Independence</div>	<div>4</div> <div>TRUTH</div> <div></div> <div>But what of Black women I must sincerely doubt if any other race of women could have brought its fineness up through so devilish a fire. W. E. B. DuBois</div> <div>1980, Levi Watkins, Jr. performed the first human implementation of the Automatic Implantable Defibrillator.</div> <div>1913 b. Rosa Parks, Started Montgomery Bus Boycott</div> <div>1792 b. James A. Birney, Abolitionist, Publisher</div> <div>In Honor of Rosa Parks</div> <div>Mother of Human Right</div> <div></div> <div>I believe we are here on the planet Earth to live, grow up and do what we can to make this world a better place for all to enjoy freedom.</div>
<div>5</div> <div>JUSTICE</div> <div></div> <div>Truth is powerful and it prevails. —Sojourner Truth</div> <div>1995 b. Trayvon Martin, 9th grade student fatally shot on 2/26/12 - No Justice</div> <div>1974 b. Omarosa Manigault, political aide in White House under President Donald Trump.</div> <div>1934 b. Hank Aaron, Home run king of baseball</div> <div>1793 b. John Rankin, Abolitionist. Henry Ward Beecher said, he brought an end to slavery with his sons.</div>	<div>6</div> <div>KINDNESS</div> <div></div> <div>When you are filled with self hate your mind is reversed. Meaning you will love the things that destroy you, and hate the things that advance your growth. —Amos Wilson</div> <div>1950 b. Natalie Cole, Singer, songwriter, actress</div> <div>1945 b. Bob Marley, Internationally famous Reggae artist and songwriter from Jamaica</div> <div>1867, Robert Tanner, received a degree in dentistry; first A. A.</div> <div>1867, The Peabody Fund for Black education is started.</div>	<div>7</div> <div>PEACE</div> <div></div> <div>1967 b. Chris Rock, Comedian and actor</div> <div>1961 b. Allen B. West, First A. A. Republican Congressman from Florida since Reconstruction</div> <div>1926, Negro History Week, started by Dr. C. G. Woodson, "The Father of Black History"</div> <div>1887 b. Eubie Blake, Composer, musician, pianist</div> <div>1866, Freedman Aid Society founded in WDC</div>	<div>8</div> <div>VIGILANCE</div> <div></div> <div>Most blacks are unaware of the psychological trauma resulting from more than 350 years of racial oppression. A. A.'s still wrestle with the black inferiority complex in the face of white privilege. —Tom</div> <div>1988 b. Debbi Thomas, Olympics figure skater</div> <div>1962 b. Lisa Jackson, first A. A. administrator of the EPA; Chemical engineer</div> <div>1949 b. Will Allen, Urban farmer, Teacher</div> <div>1944, Henry McAlphin, First A. A. news reporter to attend White House Press Conference</div> <div>1924 b. Joseph Black, First black pitcher to win a World Series game.</div>	<div>9</div> <div>CONSCIOUSNESS</div> <div></div> <div>1987 b. Michael B. Jordan, Actor</div> <div>1954 b. Christopher Gardner, Entrepreneur, philanthropist</div> <div>1944 b. Alice Walker, Author of The Color Purple, novelist, poet, activist</div> <div>1907 b. Charles Anderson, Sr. Chief Anderson, Aviator, "Father of Black Aviation."</div> <div>1737 b. Thomas Paine, Worked to abolish slavery when American independence was won.</div>	<div>In Honor of President Abraham Lincoln</div> <div></div> <div>My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right. —John Brown</div> <div>Emancipation Proclamation</div>	<div>13</div> <div>LOYALTY</div> <div></div> <div>The spider and the fly can't make a deal. —Jamaican Proverb</div> <div>1972 b. Marlon St. Julien, First A. A. jockey to ride in the Kentucky Derby in 79 years</div> <div>1960, The Nashville, TN & FAMU Sit-ins begins and ends May 10, 1960</div> <div>1923, "The Renaissance", First A. A. professional basketball team organized.</div> <div>1908 b. Malvin Russell Goode, First African American television news correspondent</div>
<div>14</div> <div>GRATITUDE</div> <div></div> <div>1963 b. Doug Rasheed Musician, producer, songwriter</div> <div>1946 b. Gregory Hines, Dancer</div> <div>1926 b. Moneetta J. Sleet, Jr., Photographer; first A. A. to win Pulitzer Prize for journalism</div> <div>1879, Blanche K. Bruce, became first A. A. (and only former slave) to preside over the U.S. Senate</div> <div>1817 b. Frederick Douglass, World renowned abolitionist, statesman and orator</div> <div>1760 b. Richard Allen, founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church</div> <div>1793, Fugitive Slave Act enacted</div>	<div>In Honor Of Frederick Douglass</div> <div></div> <div>I expose slavery in this country, because to expose it is to kill it. Slavery is one of those monsters of darkness to whom the light of truth is death.</div>	<div>15</div> <div>CHANGE</div> <div></div> <div>2015, Richelleu Dennis, Liberian CEO of SheaMoisture acquires Essence</div> <div>1968, Henry Lewis, became first A. A. to break the color barrier as a conductor at a major symphony orchestra</div> <div>1957, SCLC, The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, co-founded by Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.</div> <div>1954 b. Leland Melvin, Engineer & NASA astronaut</div> <div>1930 b. Jacob Carruthers, Academic, African scholar.</div> <div>1820 b. Susan B. Anthony, Abolitionist</div>	<div>16</div> <div>HARMONY</div> <div></div> <div>Where there is no struggle, there is no strength. —Oprah Winfrey</div> <div>1995 b. Jordan Davis, Student killed in FL for playing loud music on 11/23/12.</div> <div>1982 b. Lupe Fiasco, Rapper</div> <div>1904 b. James Baskett, Actor and the first male performer of African descent to receive an Oscar</div> <div>1852 b. William Scarborough, believed to be the first A. A. classical scholar</div>	<div>17</div> <div>CREATIVITY</div> <div></div> <div>1963 b. Michael Jordan, All-time favorite basketball superstar</div> <div>1949 b. Leonard Coleman, Jr. Pres. of the National Baseball League</div> <div>1942 b. Huey P. Newton, Co-founder Black Panther Party</div> <div>1938 b. Mary Frances Berry, First black woman to head a major research university</div> <div>1936 b. Jim Brown, Hall of fame football player, actor</div> <div>1924 b. Isaiah Robinson, Jr., the first A. A. president of the N Y Board of Education,</div>	<div>18</div> <div>FREEDOM</div> <div></div> <div>1965 b. Dr. Dre, Record producer, rapper, entrepreneur.</div> <div>1965, Gambia, gained independence</div> <div>1965, Jimmie Lee Jackson, shot by AL state trooper; sparked Selma to Montgomery march</div> <div>1934 b. Audre Lorde, Writer, feminist, librarian, activist.</div> <div>1931 b. Toni Morrison, Novelist, editor, professor</div> <div>1918 b. Johnnie Coleman, New Thought pioneer, founded Christ Universal Temple</div> <div>1884 b. Paul Revere Williams. Architect; first A. A. member of the Amer. Institute of Architects</div>	<div>19</div> <div>POWER</div> <div></div> <div>Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do. —Pelé</div> <div>1976 b. Immortal Technique, Peruvian Rapper, activist</div> <div>1965 b. Lauren Anderson, First Principal ballerina of a major dance company</div> <div>1940 b. Smokey Robinson, R&B singer-songwriter</div> <div>1909 b. Clarence L. Holte Founded, The Basic Afro-American Reprint Library</div>
<div>20</div> <div>KNOWLEDGE</div> <div></div> <div>1988 b. Rihanna, Barbadian recording artist, actress</div> <div>1963 b. Charles Barkley, Basketball hall of famer</div> <div>1937 b. Nancy Wilson, Song stylist, jazz, blues, pop</div> <div>1927 b. Sir Sidney Poitier, Actor, film director, author, diplomat</div> <div>1918, The Order of Sleeping Car Conductors was organized</div> <div>1906 b. John H. DeWitt, Jr., Pioneer in radio broadcasting, radar astronomy and photometry</div> <div>1805 b. Angelina Weld, Architect of abolitionist movement</div>	<div>21</div> <div>LEADERSHIP</div> <div></div> <div>Wherever a man goes to dwell his character goes with him. —African Proverb</div> <div>1965 d. Malcolm X, El Hajj Malik El Shabazz</div> <div>1961, Otis Boykin patented the electrical resistor</div> <div>1940 b. John Lewis, Civil Rights leader and Congressman Georgia</div> <div>1936 b. Barbara Jordan, the first A A elected to the Texas Senate after Reconstruction</div> <div>1933 b. Nina Simone, singer, activist</div>	<div>22</div> <div>FORGIVENESS</div> <div></div> <div>1950 b. Julius Winfield, ("Dr.J.") Erving, former All-star basketball star player</div> <div>1938 b. Ishmael Reed, Author of over 30 books.</div> <div>1928 b. Lawrence Joel, First A. A. to receive the Congressional, Medal of Honor since the Spanish—Am, War, in 1967.</div> <div>1928 b. Clarence E. Smith, aka, Clarence 13X and Allah, founder of Nation of Gods and Earths of Five Percenters</div> <div>1839 b. Octavius V. Catto educator, intellectual, activist</div> <div>1832, Salem Female Anti-Slavery Society founded</div>	<div>23</div> <div>INTELLIGENCE</div> <div></div> <div>A fool is a wise man's ladder. —African Proverb</div> <div>1987 b. Ab-Soul, Hip hop recording artist.</div> <div>1942 b. Haki R. Madhubuti, Author, educator, and poet.</div> <div>1941 b. Amos Wilson, Social theorist, psychologist, Pan-African thinker, scholar...</div> <div>1868 b. W. E. B. Dubois, A. A. Intellectual, political thinker, educator, editor, philosopher, author, and civil liberties leader.</div>	<div>24</div> <div>FORTITUDE</div> <div></div> <div>1977 b. Floyd Mayweather, Jr., undefeated boxer, and a five-division world champion, won twelve world titles</div> <div>1951 b. Kwame Sunhose, Native Am. Sundancer, shaman, teacher, medicine man, orator</div> <div>1940 b. Jimmy Ellis, WBA World Heavyweight</div> <div>1906 b. Clarence Bacote, First NAACP director of citizenship schools</div> <div>1811 b. Daniel A. Payne, Reformer, Bishop the African Methodist Episcopal Church; the first A. A. to become a college president in the U. S.</div>	<div>25</div> <div>EQUALITY</div> <div></div> <div>1965 b. Veronica Webb. First A. A. model to have a major cosmetics contract</div> <div>1964, Cassius Clay beat Sonny Liston became World Heavyweight Champ,</div> <div>1931 b. Clarence Avant, aka the Godfather of Black Music, engineered the first joint venture between an A. A. record company.</div> <div>1925 b. Ed Gardner Founder of Soft Sheen</div> <div>1928 b. Aloysius "Leon" Higginbotham, Jr., Lawyer, Civil Rights Advocate, federal appeals judge</div>	<div>26</div> <div>RESPECT</div> <div></div> <div>2007, Virginia apologized for its role in slavery</div> <div>1971 b. Erykah Badu, singer-songwriter, record producer, activist and actress</div> <div>1935 b. Otis Moss Jr., Pastor, Civil Rights Activist</div> <div>1933 b. Godfrey Cambridge, Comedian and actor.</div> <div>1928 b. Fats Domino, Rock and roll superstar</div> <div>1877, First Saviours' Day by the Nation of Islam commemorating the birth of its founder Master Wallace Fard Muhammad</div>